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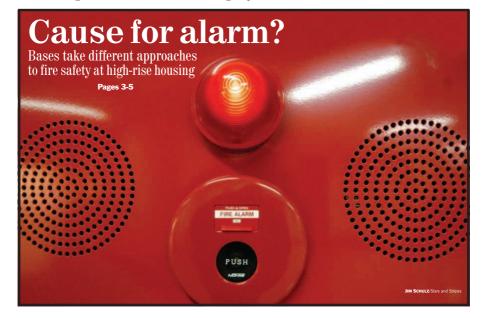
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## Ne ws Tracker ... What's new with old news

#### Business

Sears-Kmart deal: The waiting period required under antitrust law has expired for discount retailer Kmart Holding Corp.'s planned \$11 billion acquisition of the Sears, Roebuck and Co. department store chain, the companies said Friday.

The waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act expired at the end of the day Thursday, the companies said. It is required to allow the Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice time to examine any anticompetitive implications of mergers and acquisitions.

Riggs Bank scandal: Riggs Bank has pleaded guilty to failing to report suspicious transactions in the accounts of foreigners, including former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet, and agreed to pay a \$16 million fine.

In its aggressive courtship of foreign political figures to win their banking business, the old-line Washington, D.C., bank failed to exercise oversight and aided their illegitimate use of the bank, federal prosecutors

said Thursday.

It would be the largest criminal penalty ever imposed on a bank of Riggs' size, according to prosecutors, and comes atop a record \$25 million civil fine levied on the bank by a Treasury Department agency last May.

HealthSouth fraud case: An accountant who pored over HealthSouth's books for the government in its case against fired CEO Richard Scrushy testified that earnings were infated by \$2.7 billion from 1996 through 2002.

The false financial statements were not the result of aggressive accounting practices, as the defense might suggest, said forensic accountant Harvey Kelly.

"It was just flat-out making up numbers," he said.

#### States

Forgotten-diver suit: A diver who drifted for five hours after a boat crew left him at sea has sued the diving company for \$4 million

Daniel Carlock Jr. filed a lawsuit Thursday in Los Angeles Superior Court against Ocean Adventures Dive Co. and its employees, accusing them of negligence, inflicting emotional distress and fraud.

Carlock, 46, alleges Ocean Adventures left him off Santa Catalina Island on April 25, 2004, then lied about his location, delaying his rescue for five hours. He was eventually rescued by Boy Scouts in the area.



Annual Boy Scout derby: Boy Scouts from Japan's Pack 22 at the Atsugi Naval Air Facility watch intensely as three Pinewood Derby cars race to the finish on the wooden track. The annual race was held Thursday at Atsugi's Boy Scout Hut. Each racer was tasked with designing and building his own car from a Pinewood Derby kit. The overall winner of the event, for the second year in a row, was 11-year-0ld Jacob Devine.

#### World

Casablanca terror attack: Italy's top criminal court has blocked the extradition to Morocco of a terror suspect alleged to have been involved in the 2003 Casablanca suicide bombing, news reports said Thursday.

Mohammed Rafik, a Moroccan who has lived in Italy since 1998, was arrested in October 2003 with two other Moroccan men. They were all alleged to have ties to the Musim extremist movement Salafia Jihadia, which Moroccan officials have blamed for the Casabilance attack.

Rafik has denied the charges

Terror arrests in Pakistan: Police arrested 23 Afghans in raids in the Pakistani border city of Quetta on suspicion of links with Taliban and Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network, officials said Fridav.

The suspects, who included a former deputy governor and ex-police chief in Kabul, were captured from three neighborhoods of the city late Thursday and were being interrogated, said Chaudhry Mohammed Yaqub, the police chief in southwestern Baluchistan province, of which Quetta is the canital.

He said the detainees had held "important positions during Taliban's tenure" in Afghanistan, and "we suspect that some of them have close links with al-Qaida."

Israeli-Palestinian conflict: Israel's army

chief ordered troops to halt operations in the Gaza Strip on Friday and to scale back raids in the West Bank, as hundreds of Palestinian police deployed in the volatile central and southern parts of the territory.

The army chief, I.f. Gen. Moshe Yaalon, said Israeli troops could only go after militants with his approval. The order would significantly limit Israeli military action against extremist groups — but was still short of a public declaration of a cease-fire sought by Palestinians to seal a truce with militants.

#### Military

Pacific Command changes: President Bush has nominated Navy Adm. William J. Fallon to succeed Adm. Thomas Fargo as commander of the Hawaii-based U.S. Pacific Command, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said.

Fallon currently is commander of the U.S. Atlantic fleet and the Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Virginia.

In August, the White House chose Air Force Gen. Gregory S. Martin to succeed Fargo, who was to retire this month. But two months later, Martin asked that his nomination be withdrawn after pointed questioning during a Senate confirmation hearing.

Fallon, 60, is a former vice chief of naval operations, the No. 2 Navy job at the Pentagon.

ories from The Associated Press





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Left: High-rise towers at Yokota Air Base, Japan, have fire-safety features typical — but not universal — among U.S. bases across the Pacific. Alarm and sprinkler systems vary, as do firefighting practices. Serious fires are relatively rare, as are fire-caused injuries.

Above: As with alarms in many high-rises in the States, the alarms in Yokota's high-rise housing towers initially will sound only on the floor where activated, the floor above and the floor below. The system can leave upper-floor residents of the nine-story towers unware of alarms sounded for fires on lower floors. But base firefighting officials say almost all fires are extinguished before they spread significantly and that evacuating an entre building increases the risk of individual injuries among residents trying to escape.

# Some question high-rise fire alarm system

BY VINCE LITTLE Stars and Stripes

Two tower apartment fires last year at Yokota Air Base, Japan, left many residents troubled to learn that fire-evacuation alarm systems in their high-rise housing are designed to alert only three floors—the fire floor, the level below and the one

A Pacificwide query of U.S. military installations showed procedures and equipment meant to protect tower residents vary widely among the bases, and, sometimes, from building to building on a single base.

The region features more than 100 high-rise family housing units. Some have sprinklers, while others don't. Alarms run the gamut from state-of-the-art to systems that housing officials admit fail to meet current standards. Bringing the outdated verrent standards.

sions up to code, officials say, must wait until budgets allow overall renovation of the housing units.

the housing units. But military officials defend the laarm arrangements, pointing to impeccable safety records sturdy firewalls and doors, and the compartmentalization approach to each apartment unit — standards that military those set forth by the U.S. National Fire Protection Associa-

Host-nation governments are primarily responsible for the

responsible for the design and maintenance of base housing towers. Building codes continually evolve, so alarm systems differ based on established guidelines used at the time of construction.

"The codes constantly change," said Mark S. Lawler, fire chief for the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron at Yokota Air

### Many Pacific bases take three-floor approach to prevent stampedes, injuries, officials say

Base. "All my buildings have different alarm systems and infrastructure. During major renovations, we do work to catch them up to code by upgrading alarms and installing fire sprinklers."

Lawler said the buildings are required by law to comply with the government of Japan's fire codes, but base officials work with Japan to incorporate U.S. safety codes in the construction.

Firefighter discretion at the scene offers the most practical assessment of what alarms to sound, officials say, typically preventing unnecessary and unwanted disturbances for those seemingly out of danger's path. Still, some wonder why the buildings

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Senior Airman Clifton Kennedy

Yokota high-rise resident

path. Still, some wonder why the buildings aren't equipped to warn every resident in the face of a fire.

It certainly spawns a few questions: Just how safe are apartment tower residents? And is the absence of a universal alarm system a recipe for disaster?

Senior Airman Clifton Kennedy, who moved to Yokota last July with his wife, said they've twice come down the fire escape from their eighth-floor apartment in Building

3000 for false alarms

"The alarm was going off on the seventh and eighth floors. The other alarms weren't sounding," he said. "We had to leave, but everyone else was still in the building."

"I feel if it's a fire, everybody in the building needs to get out. Fire can spread easily. If the alarm goes off, everybody in the building should know about it — 'cause fire can spread in seconds."

Senior Airman Matt Ulibarri, who lives on the sixth floor of Building 3000, said he and his wife once used the regular stair-well in the building's interior while evacuating during an early-morning false alarm. He expressed concern about the three-floor alarm system.
"I'd rather it go off in the whole build-

ing," Ulibarri said, "but I'm confident we'd be able to get out if there was a fire. I'm not worried about being trapped. We've got a bunch of different options: go out the fire escape or the front door."

So if you happen to reside in a tower apartment's upper half — and a blaze breaks out on the lower levels — would it

have to climb several floors and permeate the building with deadly smoke before others are alerted? "Absolutely not," Lawler said. "If those

"Absolutely not," Lawier said. "It mose conditions were present, the firefighter would sound the building's general alarm. Occupants can evacuate from their units without having to enter the main hallways.

"The construction of the towers allows for a safe haven if fire occurs on a different floor. Additionally, the fire alarm rings automatically on three floors. After fire crews arrive, if the incident command decides to evacuate the entire building, the firefighters can sound the building's general alarm, which will signal on all floors."

It would be difficult for any blaze to penetrate a tower unit, he said, with a two-hour firewall guarding the concrete front door and a three-hour separation per apartment.

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## How does your base stack up?

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Firefighting, building and fire safety officials were asked what fire-safety provisions are provided for residential housing on their bases. Here's what they reported:

#### Yokota Air Base

Buildings: 21 tower apartments built between 1974 and 1999. Should be able to withstand fires in adjoining units for three hours. Towers have four dedicated fire escapes reached via master bedroom patios; occupants can escape without entering main hallways.

Alarm systems: All towers' fire alarms sound automatically on three floors: the one with the fire, the one above and the one below. Alarms register automatically at fire stations. Firefighters at the scene deterevacuate entire building. Some older buildings lack sprinklers. Sprinklers in towers are temperature-rated, most for 135 degrees; when the temperature reaches that

point, the sprinklers activate. Firefighting equipment: Yokota fire department has no ladder trucks. Mutual-aid agreement allows use of Tokyo fire department's ladder trucks, which reach approximately 98 feet. Ninth-floor apartments are approximately 101 feet off the ground. In case of "massive" fire, residents to be evacuated using dedicated evacuation stairwells in each tower.

Safety training for residents: New arrivals briefed on fire emergency services; follow-up mandatory briefing on residential fire safety, conducted in the fire station, covers far more detailed information.

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# Alarm: Some bases opt to evacuate entire high-rise buildings

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"They're all compartmentalized apartments," Lawler said, "and that's what they're rated. They're wonderful things. Plus it's rare that you get multiple sprinkler heads activated. Normally, one will come on and extinguish the fire before it has a chance to spread.

chance to spread. "The most incredibly safe features of these towers are the four dedicated fire escapes that are reached by exting onto the master of the control of the compartmentation would enable us to sound the 'all-call' alarm on the first-floor panel and get everyone out of the building using the fire escapes."

The three-floor alarm system is common practice in U.S. sky-scrapers as well, he added: Isolate the smoke or flames while avoiding a panic-induced stampede for the exits.

"It's rare that we'll evacuate a whole building. It's usually much safer to keep people sheltered and in place, particularly if there's no immediate danger," Lawler said. "It's a judgment call, but anytime you evacuate a whole tower, you're going to risk more injuries — with all those families trying to make their way out."

#### Misawa adiusts system

Chief Master Sgt. Dan Vogel, Misawa Air Base's fire chief, said a 2001 modification changed the fire-alarm system from Yokota's model to one that now sounds on every floor.

It used to be "the floor above, the floor below and the affected floor," he said. "That's the requirement. We went above and bevond the requirement."

The three-floor alarm system is an anti-nuisance device; nine floors of families don't have to evacuate every time kitchen smoke trips a smoke detector, Vogel said. "For tower residents, that gets old, particularly in the colder months."

But at Misawa, "it probably came up as an issue that they would rather put up with the possibility of evacuating versus being in a facility that's on fire and they're not being evacuated," Vogel said of tower residents.

The No. 1 cause of fire at Misawa is unattended cooking — a trend mirrored across the Pacific. Several fires occur annually at Misawa, Yogel said, plus each tower is evacuated at least one yearly "for nuisance alarms some of them five, six, seven times a year."

But Senior Airman Niko Punsalang, a tower resident, said he'd rather evacuate for a false alarm than risk not knowing about a real fire as near as two floors away. If alarms didn't sound throughout the building when a smoke detector went off, he wonders whether the fire department would have the technology to quickly detect heat or smoke levels. "If the sensors don't have that capability, I'd rather evacuate," he said

The last major fire in Misawa's base housing took place in July 2001, when a single unit in the 800 area was lost in a fire started by candles.

"Air Force fire-prevention programs and facility construction far exceeds anything you're going to find in municipalities or anything outside the gate," Vogel said. "Nobody is 100 percent safe from fire, but I think we do all that we can to protect our occupants."

#### Alarm responses vary

In high-rise apartment towers throughout the Commander, Naval Forces Japan region — encompassing Yokosuka, Sasebo, Atsugi and other outlying facilities on the mainland and Okinawa — officials use the three-floor fire-response model, with the ability to activate a building's general alarm if necessary.

"This type of system is not unique to Japan," said Daniel B. Marshall, CNFJ's regional fire chief. "If there was an actual fire and it continued to travel through the upper floors, alarms on those floors would also activate."

Unattended cooking also is the chief culprit for fire emergencies on CNFJ installations. In 1997, the command's regional fire department officials installed "Range Queen" stove-type fire extinguishers in an effort to boost

However, a blaze broke out in a Yokosuka high-rise in December 2000 that caused \$510,000 in damages. It was contained in the apartment and no one was injured. Officials blamed carelessly discarded smoking materials.

# Pacific military fire-fighting assets

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#### Misawa Air Base

Buildings: 13 high-rise towers, all built since 1988, constructed similarly to those at Yokota, of noncombustible materials such as concrete, steel and gypsum. No hazardous products, such as nutral gas utilities, used. Walls and doors rated to with-stand a fire for four hours; floors, for two. Every two tower units share "smoke-evacuation stainwell" enclosed with fire-rated walls and separate from central stainway. Towers have built-in sprintler systems and standpipes for firefighting. Older, 1940s "800" housing units to be replaced this year with noncombustible, concrete buildings.

Alam systems: Modified in 2001 so alarms sound on all floors, not just three. If the nine-floor automatic alert system fails, firefighters or residents could use pull stations to activate a fire alarm on each floor. Any tower evacuation alarm also can be triggered from firefighters' communications center. Towers have built-in sprinkler systems.

Firefighting equipment: Ladder truck reaches 102 feet, given new security barriers, it's estimated to reach just the 4th or 5th floors at most towers — but probably would not be used for firefighting or rescue. Fire attack plan is first to advance hose lines inside for quick attack and second, to support sprinkler and standpipe systems with increased

pressure.

Safety training for residents: Base firefighters run an aggressive fire-safety education campaign, taking fire engines into housing areas on evenings and weekends, going door-to-door to offer voluntary smoke-detector and fire-extinguisher checks and pass out fire-safety materials.

#### Commander, Naval Forces Japan

CNFJ facilities include Yokosuka and Sasebo naval bases, Astugi Naval Air Facility and other outlying facilities on the mainland and Okinawa. Buildings: 41 high-rise towers throughout the CNFJ region, built between 1972 and 1999; all either have been renovated or are scheduled to be. The concrete structures each have at least two separate fire-rated stairwells. All construction and renovation projects undergo comprehensive reviews toward ensuring all fire and life safety reviews toward ensuring all fire and life safety re-

quirements are met.

\*\*Alarm systems: CNF1 follows the Yokota model, alerting residents on three floors only; if needed, a building's general alarm is activated by firefighters. Smoke detectors are in bedrooms, hallways and stairwells, head detectors are in every kitchen. For the contraction of the contraction semistance in the contraction of the contraction semistance in the contraction of the contraction semistance in the contraction of the c

Firefighting equipment: Yokosuka's ladder truck reaches 105 feet — higher than the base's tallest building, which is 9 stories.

Safety training for residents: Before occupying a tower unit, CNFJ personnel must attend an Area Orientation Briefing, which provides basic fire-safety training. Evacuation drills are held anaully, accompanied by additional fire-safety tips.

#### Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni

Buildings: Towers and mid-rises dating to 1980.
Alarm systems: Vary according to age and manufacturer. Alarms sound throughout building if someone pulls an alarm or a heat detector is triggered. If a smoke detector or smoke dampener is triggered, alarms sound only on that floor and the floors above and below. Some of the system's technology is dated, leading to repeated false alarms.

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Firefighting equipment: Ladder truck can reach top floors of the base's tallest housing towers.

Safety training for residents: Briefing on fire safety, escape routes and exits, given upon move-in for residents of towers and barracks.

#### Camp Zama

Buildings: Two 68-unit towers, built in 1992 and

Alarm systems: Fire alarm and heat detector triggers alarm in entire building; smoke detector triggers alarm in quarters or local area. Systems are spot-checked periodically. Fire department conducts spot checkes a few times yearly to ensure the effect of the conduction of the cond

Firefighting equipment: Information not available at press time.

Safety training for residents: Fire-safety training; fire department conducts periodoc unscheduled fire drills.

#### Guam

**Buildings:** Guam military bases have no family housing towers; the tallest housing units are two-story family dwellings built in the mid-1990s.

Alarm systems: Smoke detectors are on every floor and outside each bedroom in all Navy family housing units. Sprinkler systems and smoke detectors are in all Harbor View family housing.

Firefighting equipment: Adequate for the type of housing served.

Safety training for residents: Upon command orientation, new tenants are briefed on what to do in the event of a fire.

Since then, CNFJ officials have not encountered a tower fire that's exceeded \$500 in damage. Marshall credits the Range Queen and newly installed sprinkler systems in renovated apartments.

ments.

"These facilities are only as safe as the occupants themselves," he added. "If common

fire-safety practices are adhered to by the occupants, then the facility is extremely safe."

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#### Fire safety tips you should know

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As fire chief for the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron at

Yokota Air Base, Japan, Mark S. Lawler knows to respect a blaze. "Fire is so powerful, so quick," he said. "People underestimate the power of fire."

But with a little planning and knowledge, on-base residents don't have to be powerless against fire, suggest fire safety officials across the Pacific.

Among their tips: ■ In your apartment, check fire alarm batteries regularly and be particularly aware of fire hazards in the kitchen - where,

officials say, most on-base hous ing fires start.

■ Know how to find the near est fire exit, fire escape and fire alarm - and keep handy the phone number of the base fire

department ■ Most base firefighting offices have vigorous public safety and education programs. Check out yours for recommendations both on how to prevent fires and

how to survive them. ■ Lawler also encourages Pacific residents to invest in fire insurance, which covers the restoration and recovery of housing units and possessions. Policies he said, but the cost is roughly \$180 annually.

# Alarm: No 'golden rule' for high-rise evacuations

Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station officials get an inordinate amount of false alarms, according to Fire Chief Devin Johnston.

"That's partly because some of the technology is about 10 years behind, and when involved in contracting and going with the lowest bidders, you can wind up with a cheaper system," Johnston said. "The false alarms sometimes are set off by heavy rain, strong wind gusts or very high humidity. That

is in part because they are spring-loaded systems and easy to set off.

Still, other false alarms can be traced to more suspect origins "We do have a problem with that, but we do not include those when looking at how many false alarms we have." he said.

#### Systems differ with age

Air Force officials maintain all the tower apartments on Okinawa. a challenging endeavor at times because of their varying ages."Over time, the fire co have changed, (so) the fire alarm systems have some variations in their design," said Patricia Miyagi, an 18th Wing spokeswoman on Kadena Air Base. "As the towers age and require extensive renovation, the fire-alarm systems are updated to meet the current U.S.

fire codes Each unit is fortified with a four-hour firewall in an effort to keep blazes from spreading to another apartment or hallway, she said. Alarm systems shoot a direct signal to local fire departments, where the general re-sponse time is less than five min-

utes. "Once on scene, the fire chief determines whether the entire tower needs to be evacuated for safety purposes — and if it does - activates alarms on all floors," she said.

According to Miyagi, Kadena experiences about 10 housing fires per year. Statistics were unavailable for other bases on the is-

#### No towers on Guam

Unlike in Japan and other parts of the Pacific, there are no family housing towers on Guam military bases, according to U.S. Naval Base Guam officials. But a significant amount of time is devoted to

fire prevention. "The safety and well-being of servicemembers and their families in Guam are always our top priority," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Ben Keller, a U.S. Naval Base Guam spokesman. "Our housing and fire safety pernel work hard to make sa their paramount concern and to provide functional and reliable safety equipment and warning systems.



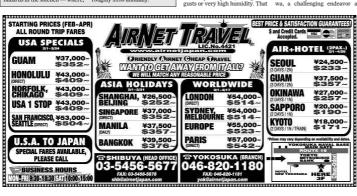
While alarms and smoke detectors lack a universal standard within the Pacific's U.S. military community, base officials aren't concerned with any perceived glitches in the overall fire safety package. Education remains a critical key in the fight against one of nature's deadliest forces.

Lawler, the Yokota fire chief, and his staff constantly analyze information and look for combustible materials in an effort to promote safety and eliminate prospective hazards.

Just as building codes and guidelines remain in perpetual flux, so do the methods for combating blazes and responding to fire alarms — especially in tow apartments with large popula-

"Is there a golden rule of high-rise evacuations?" Lawler said. "No. 9/11 sparked a whole new debate. You've got to look at each building — look at its com-partmentation, whether they're sprinklered and the integrity of evacuation quarters. You can't just make one rule.

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AAFES announced last week that it would refund 84 cents per day of lost service from an outage earlier this month, but reconsidered after realizing most viewers wouldn't be able to reposition their satellite and change their decoder settings immediately.

Viewers can find instructions on how to make the necessary changes to receive service at www.myafn.net. Changes in service also can be made by calling the following technical support numbers:

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Around 80 servicemembers returned home to Yokota Air Base, Japan, on Friday after completing their role in Operation Unified Assistance.

# 'We made a difference'

About half those troops from Yokota assigned to U.S. tsunami-relief campaign in South Asia return home

BY VINCE LITTLE Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan—Roughly half of Yokota's force commitment to Operation Unified Assistance, the U.S. military's tsunami-relief campaign in South Asia, is back home.

Four C-130s assigned to the 374th Airlift Wing — carrying about 80 troops total — returned Friday. Aday earlier, another 50 airmen arrived from Utapao, of the most office of the state of

C-130s from Yokota remain in the region. Base officials said it's unclear how long they'll stay.

"Our people did an incredible job," said Col. Mark Schissler, who stepped off one of the C-130s

Friday afternoon after serving as the air expeditionary wing's commander.

"We flew every day we were there. The airplanes, these 40-year-old flying machines, performed magnificently. And the crews figured out how to get in and out of some pretty tough airfields. They did everything safely, and we got things going within

the first couple of days."

Flight crews logged 2,500 hours and hauled 4 million pounds of humanitarian aid — mostly food, medical supplies and water — to the affected areas.

The airmen — representing the maintenance, medical, civil engineering and communications fields — were dispatched to various locations during the monthlong deployment, including Colombo, Sri Lanka; Banda Aceh, Indonesia; and Phuket, Thailand.

Most appeared groggy Friday after a grueling nine-hour flight from Utapao, but satisfied with what they had accomplished.

"We were set up and online in about one-sixteenth the time it normally takes," said Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Van Gordon, who was maintenance chief for the 36th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron in Utapao. "We were set up and flying within 10 hours. This is what we do. It's why we exist, and

there was a mission to be done.
"We've exercised with the Thai
and Australian militaries before,
but never been in a humanitarian-type situation. The relationship we had between ourselves
and the Thais, zero glitches. It

was smooth."

Schissler, who got panoramic views of the tsunami-ravaged areas from above, said the utter destruction wrought by the walls of water that crashed into coastlines was almost unimaginable. In Banda Aceh, he saw towns

where "90 percent of the people had died."
"It really sunk in before I got back," he said. "The devastation was severe, almost too hard to de-



M SCHULZ/Stars and Strip

About 80 men and women of the 374th Airlift Wing from Yokota Air Base, Japan, returned home Friday to friends and family after a monthlong deployment to tsunami-affected regions of South Asia.

scribe. Miles of coastline were destroyed from the sea inland. Up to about three miles, everything that existed was gone. That meant all of the people in that area perished too.

"The earthquake and tsunami destroyed everything. It was very hard to look at."

U.N. relief agencies are distributing the bulk of humanitarian relief supplies as the U.S. military scales back its operations, Schissler said. "It will take years for them to

"It will take years for them to recover," he said. "Our part was to cover the emergency. The crisis is abated. We made a difference."

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## MILITARY UPDATE

# **New TRS** is less than what is expected

vears ago. Congress decided the nation could no longer afford to offer military volunteers a ro-bust draft-era GI Bill, so it concocted VEAP, the most unpopular veterans' education benefit of the last century.

Last year, Congress decided the nation couldn't afford to open active-duty Tricare benefits to all drilling reservists, so it created Tricare Reserve Select (TRS). Time will tell if TRS is the reserve health care equivalent of VEAP, but advocates for reservists and families fear it might be

Certainly some reservists among the estimated 20 percent who lacked health care coverage before mobilization will see TRS as a welcome option. Many more eligibles could find it to be too expensive, too restrictive and too complex.

"I don't think many will" sign up, said Joyce Wessel Raezer, director of government relations for the National Military Family Association, "We will all know better once we see the premiums [in late March]. But a lot of people will ask about it. A lot will get bogged down in the process and never make it through. And then some folks will sign up for it under the impression that it's the same as Tricare Prime, and be very unhappy.

When TRS begins April 26, thousands of Reserve and National Guard members previously deactivated from post-9/11 deployments, and thousands more soon to complete deployments, will gain access to a scaled-down version of Tricare Standard, the fee-for-service insurance plan.

To qualify, they must have been mobilized under contingency orders of 30 days or longer and have served at least 90 days' continuous active service. For every 90 days served, they will be eligi-ble for a year of TRS. So a year's continuous deployment could qualify them for four years of TRS coverage, for members and their families

Coverage comes at a cost, however. Members must make a binding agreement to remain in the Selected Reserve for the duration of TRS coverage. They also will pay monthly premiums, with rates to be announced, that will cover 28 percent of TRS costs. The Congressional Budget Office last year estimated member-only premiums at \$50 a month and family at

TRS users also will pay the usual Tricare Standard fees, co-payments and annual deductibles. They will not be eligible for Tricare Prime, the military managed-care program, or have access to military treatment facilities or base pharmacies. They will be eligible to get discounted drugs through mail order and Tricare's network of commercial pharmacies.

TRS also won't include many "extras" of Tricare Standard, such as the Program for Persons with Disabilities, which provides financial help for families impacted by mental retardation or a seri-

ous physical disability Reservists must decide to enroll in TRS before leaving active duty, which likely will mean making quick decisions at de-mobilization sites. If they depart without a "preliminary" TRS agreement, eligibility expires

Most deployed reservists and families are eligible for Tricare for six months after mobilization. Congress made that temporary postmobilization benefit permastart after transition coverage, so on the 181st day after leaving ac-

tive service.
By then, TRS applicants must have a final TRS agreement with their services, which would in-volve finding a Selected Reserve unit that needs the reservist for the duration of TRS coverage. If a four-year contract is sought, but the service can guarantee only two years in drill status, the TRS final agreement must be reduced

Raezer described the sign-up process as "Byzantine."

"It's 'Do this here — and this here — at this time.' All these lit-tle steps. And the personnel system has to work with the health care system or the whole thing falls apart.'

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#### Keeping their signals straight



Taurean J. Edwards hoists a flag on USS Kitty Hawk's signal bridge Thursday during a flaghoist drill with another Navy ship. Signal flags are used as means of communication to personnel on the flight deck,

on shore and with

nearby vessels.

## AAFES gasoline prices decrease across Pacific

Good news for Pacific motorists at Army and Air Force bases: Gasoline prices for most fuel grades will drop for the month of February - but only by a few cents a gallon in most locations.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service announced late Thursday that its mid-grade gas prices in Japan and Okinawa will de-crease from \$1.99 to \$1.96 per gallon on Tuesday. Diesel prices will increase from \$1.90 to \$2.00.

AAFES does not sell regular unleaded or premium unleaded fuel

in Japan and Okinawa. In South Korea, unleaded fuel dips from \$1.90 to \$1.85 per gallon. premium unleaded goes from \$2.10 to \$2.05, and diesel fuel goes

from \$2.07 a gallon to \$2. Guam customers, meanwhile, will pay \$1.86 for unleaded fuel, a savings from January of 8 cents per gallon.

The price for premium unleaded will decrease from \$2.14 to

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# **Polling sites** taking shape

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO AND TERRY BOYD Stars and Stripes

The massive, wide-ranging security effort by U.S. and Iraqi troops for Sunday's historic elections rounded into shape Friday, even as sporadic fighting continued in flashpoint cities throughout the

country In Ramadi, U.S. forces said they have established 10 polling stations throughout the city — five manned by U.S. Marines and five by Army troops of

the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division. Security inside the polls will be provided by Iraqi troops.

By late Friday, U.S. military officials said insurgents attacked several of the polling stations with weapons ranging from mortars to sniper fire to rocket-propelled grenades. Insurgent snipers wounded one U.S. soldier and an Iraqi Special Police comman-

do Friday at different polling stations, officials said Roadside bombs were detonated near several joint

patrols in the city, but no casualties were reported. U.S. and Iraqi soldiers began constructing the ac tual voting mechanisms Friday, setting up ballot boxes, registration tables and metal detectors to screen voters. Members of the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq, who will run the vote, were on their way to the polling stations under U.S. guard,

officials said. Soldiers in Ramadi say the biggest threat on election day could come from suicide bombers. Soldiers say they have received intelligence reports indicat-ing as many as two-dozen female suicide bombers from Syria have been deployed in Ramadi, ready to strike election sites



Soldiers with Company D, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment go through a box of election mate rials at a polling station in Ramadi, Iraq, on Friday. Security preparations for Sunday's vote are largely in place, officials said.

#### Will anyone vote?

In the area near Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's home-town, few would be surprised if no one cast a ballot. On Friday, 40 sheiks gathered here, home to 1st Infantry Division's 1st Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry Reg-

iment, nicknamed "Quarterhorse Cav."
The sheiks visited Forward Operating Base Wilson in nearby Ad Dwar to learn the mechanics of the

election from an Iraqi voting official. While the turnout likely will be relatively small and attacks an almost certainty, participation may be surprising, at least in certain areas, say soldiers and officers here

"The good people will vote," said Spc. Jacob Garrison, 22, a Quarterhorse scout. On daily foot patrols, he said he meets lots of good people, even in the heart of the heart of the Sunni Iron Triangle

"We've done everything we can to secure the vote," Garrison said. Now, soldiers will see if their desires and the dreams of the Iraqi people will intersect, Gar-rison said: "I want to go home, and they want a home."

# Hawaiian town copes with loss

BY B.J. REYES

The Associated Press KANEOHE, Hawaii - Over-

cast skies shrouded this military town as residents grieved for the 27 troops from the Kaneohe Bay base who died in the U.S. military's deadliest day so far in the

The bayside community saw headlines Thursday hanner spreading the news that the Kaneohe servicemen were among the 31 killed when their helicop ter went down Wednesday in a sandstorm. It was the heaviest loss of Hawaii-based troops since Pearl Harbor

Lt. Col. Owen Lovejoy, execu-tive officer of the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, choked back tears as he described the moment he found out the crash had claimed so many lives under his command

"It's difficult because you look at Marines like brothers," he said, standing near a memorial to

the battle of Iwo Jima. In a town where a yellow ribbon "Support Our Troops" magnet adorns the back of nearly every car, it was hard to find anyone who hadn't heard of the tragedy.

"The sheer number of 27 peo ple from a little tiny place on a lit-

tle tiny island in the Pacific is certainly making a major impact," said the Rev. Wendell Silva, who offered a prayer for the dead and their families

"I opened up the paper and said, 'Oh no,' " said Agnes Yamaguchi, 74. "I just don't want to read about it anymore. It's so

hard. They're so young."

Although most of the troops lost in the crash were based in Hawaii, the others came from coast to coast, from Florida to New Hampshire, from Ohio to Oregon. One was a 28-year-old who never got the chance to meet his son born on Christmas Eve.

The Pentagon identified the sailor killed as Petty Officer 3rd Class John D. House, of Ventura, Calif.

House, whose first child was born last month, had written letters home describing the camara. derie and responsibility he felt for the Marines in his unit, his parents told the Ventura County Star. His son was born last month.

"In one of the letters he wrote, 'I know all of them ... even in the dark, by their mannerisms," Susan House of Simi Valley. Calif., read, choking back tears. "I don't know how I am going to deal with losing any of them. It is my job to take care of them and keep them safe."

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# **U.S.** troops prepare to step back for vote

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO AND JASON CHUDY Stars and Stripes

RAMADI, Iraq - U.S. troops in Iraq have have been instrumental in attempting to stabilize the country before Sunday's national elections. But once the polls open, they will be asked to play a secondary role.

At polling stations throughout the country, U.S. troops will provide the outer cordon of security, with Iraqi forces guarding ers. And with political sens tivity about the election process high, the military has been educating its soldiers on what they should and should not say or do in the run-up to the vote.

"DO appear completely NEUTRAL in all matters relating to the Iraqi Elections," reads part of a "Soldier Information Card" distributed to troops throughout Iraq

"DON'T appear to dislike any Iraqi parties or candidates," it later advises

The message started at the top and worked its way down through the 4th Battal-ion, 31st Infantry Regiment in Baghdad's Kadhimiya neighborhood. Battalion officers down to platoon and squad leaders were given briefings and shown Powerpoint slides covering basic election information. They then met with the soldiers of their platoons and squads "Basically, we're not supposed to sup-

port any parties if anyone asks us any ques-' said Spc. James Bonanno of Company A's 1st Platoon.

But, he said, those questions aren't normally forthcoming

"The Iraqis don't usually ask us ques-

more interested in us than in what's going on in their country. I'm sure if I snoke Ara bic, they'd probably start a conversation about [the elections]."

"The majority don't speak English well enough to get into conversations," said Pvt. Ralph Young of 1st Platoon. "The extent of our conversations are, 'What's your name, where are you from?'"

Staff Sgt. James Mastrodomenico, a squad leader and mortar section leader with Company C, said the information card has come in handy in his dealings with prospective Iraqi voters, although most of the questions deal with election security

And election security is key in the battal-

The 4-31 soldiers have nearly 50 percent of the polling sites in the 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division's area of operations which covers most of northwest Baghdad and Abu Ghraib.

Mastrodomenico said that at one pro spective polling site, a man and his three children who live nearby approached and asked if the building was a polling site and if he should move out for the elections

"The biggest thing when we get approached is, 'Are the elections going to happen?" he said. "We tell them, 'Of course, and that they should get out and have their voices heard

Soldiers with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, a 2nd Infantry Division unit that deployed from South Korea to Irag, are responsible for polling stations in the restive city of Ramadi, where insurgents and U.S. forces clash nearly every day

In recent days, the soldiers have been na-



Soldiers with the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment put up posters in Ramadi on Jan. 5 urging Iraqi citizens to participate in Sunday's elections.

trolling with Iraqi forces. They have largely found it easier to let the Iraqis hand out the election material, both because of the language barrier and the perception the Iraqis are leading the process

"To see the Iraqi soldiers here is really good for the people. And it shows them that we are working toward a point where Iraqis will eventually be responsible for their own security," said 2nd Lt. Tad Tsuneyoshi, a platoon leader with Company C, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment.

At traffic checkpoints and during cor-

don-and-search operations, the troops are the ones encouraging the Iraqis to vote. At times, though, the advantages of having Iraqi troops are lost in the enthusi-asm for the uncoming elections.

The Iraqis, not bound by the same rules as the Americans, are more than willing to debate politics with their countrymen, often at length, resulting in a slowdown of

operations

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## Baghdad election info distributed smoothly

BY JASON CHUDY Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD - Soldiers sat in front of a fire early Thursday evening, talking and joking about everything from women to war but practically ignoring the handful of trucks that passed in or out of a dusty warehouse a few dozen meters away in the city's Kadhimiya neighborhood.

Whether or not they even noticed the trucks, the soldiers from Company C, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, were witness to the first tangible steps toward Sunday's historic election. Although the trucks roll in empty, they leave full of election material voter registration information. election machines and, most importantly, ballots.

The battalion's area of operation includes one of Baghdad's four polling distribution sites. For the past few days, trucks have been in and out from sunrise to sunset with materials destined for 31 election district offices and then to the 300 to 350 polling sites themselves

The soldiers, meanwhile, have been using the warehouse complex as a forward patrol base, conducting operations and providing security for the site with Iraqi Na-tional Guardsmen and some non-Iraqi civilian guards.

Of the dozens of soldiers in the area, only two will occasionally make the short walk to the ware

house. Capt. John O'Keeffe, the battalions' civil/military officer. and Sgt. Mai. Roy Souvenir, operations sergeant major, have spent the past few days helping the three Iraqi election officials and 30 or so workers.

There really isn't too much to do, they said. Mostly, they ask questions about how things are going and if anyone needs their

"We haven't stepped in [much]," he said. "It's going OK. I think our warehouse is going better than the other three.

"It's gone relatively smooth," said Souvenir. "We're not looking for perfection, we're looking for cooperation. There have been a few glitches, but nothing that

The main difficulty came from the trucks contracted to carry election materials to the district offices. A handful just didn't show up.

Instead of causing a hottleneck Iraqi National Guard troops stepped in with their own vehicles and a couple of loads were even taken on U.S. military vehicles.

"I've dropped off two loads and this is the third load," said 1st Lt. Mike Campbell, an adviser with Company A, 303rd Iraqi National Guard Battalion, as his soldiers waited to escort a truck out of the

"We're going to continue through the night," Campbell Campbell said. From the district offices they will be taking the election materi-



JASON CHUDY/Stars and S

An Iraqi carries election material from a warehouse in Baghdad's Kadhimiya neighborhood on Thur day. Troops from 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, are also at the site, providing protection.

als out to the polling sites them-

They'll be working "'til it's he said. "Obviously before the elections, but we want to get it done the day before.

"We'll go all night and all day to-morrow to do it," he said, "and the Iraqis will do it. It's been great." Campbell said that the national

guardsmen know that if they don't get the material to the polling sites, they won't get to vote them They're anxious to vote for the first time," he said. "They're will-ing to put in the hard work and sacrifice it takes to make democra-

cv work." E-mail Jason Chudy at: chudyj@mail.estripes.osd.mil

# Iraqi expatriates hit polls all over world

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN

The Associated Press

SOUTHGATE, Mich. — Joyful tears and frequent applause marked the start of U.S. voting Friday among Iraqi expatriates choosing a new government for their homeland.

Votes were cast beginning at 7 a m inside an abandoned store in the Detroit suburb of Southgate. Periodically, cheers would erupt from one of the 15 polling stations.

"We feel happy now. This is like America, this voting," said Zoha Yess, 64, who moved to Inkster nine years ago

Nearly 26,000 Iraqi expatriates in the United States are expected to vote in Iraq's election. They are voting in four other U.S. cities: Chicago, Los Angeles, Washing-ton and Nashville, Tenn. Iraqis also are voting in 13 other countries, not including Iraq

In Egypt, dozens of Iraqis cast votes by midday, even though the country was left off the list of countries hosting official centers

for Iragis to cast absentee ballots Organizers of the virtual poll in Cairo said they would collect the votes and send them to Jordan to be counted there by the International Organization of Migration, the Geneva-based body managing the vote for Iraqis living ahrnad

Jordan is one of the 14 countries where Iraqis can officially vote, but the IOM has said it will not recognize any results coming from outside those countries.

In Stockholm, thousands of exiled Iragis, some wearing traditional Iraqi costumes under heavy winter coats, lined up amid heavy security in freezing temperatures outside Scandinavian polling stations Friday to vote.

And in Damascus, Syria, where the autocratic government had reservations about hosting the vote, Iraqis filed into schools and other makeshift polling stations.

Expatriate Iraqis were voting in 14 countries around the world but in the Middle East, the election represented a rare exercise in democracy.

Security was tight at the 10 voting stations in Damascus and its suburbs, with private security guards frisking voters before they were allowed to enter.

According to the Geneva-based International Organization for Migration, there are 201,000 Iraqis living in Syria, but only 8 percent, or 16,581, have registered to vote. Many of the Iragis here fled around the time of the U.S. invasion of Iraq to escape worsening

security conditions.

The U.S. polls will be open through Sunday, which is election day in Iraq

A total of 25,946 Iraqis registered to vote in the United States during the Jan. 17-25 registration period. The largest portion of those voters were in the Detroit area, which had 9,714 register.

Voters will select the 275-mem-ber assembly that will draft Iraq's new constitution.

# **Bush urged not to provoke North Korea**

BY GLENN KESSLER

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan group of lawmakers who recently traveled to North Korea have written President Bush to urge him not to make provocative statements about the reclusive nation in next week's State of the Union address, on the grounds that it will hurt the prospects for resumed talks on North Korea's nuclear programs.

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Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., who led the six-member delegation, said senior North Korean leaders had told him they were ready to return to the talks but would be listening closely to statements from top ad-

ministration officials.

North Korea has accused the Bush administration of having a "hostile policy,"

44We don't need to punch our chest and say how great we are and talk about the negative aspects of other societies.

Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa.

dating from Bush's State of the Union address in 2002. In that speech, he labeled North Korea as part of an "axis of evil" that included Iran and Saddam Hussein's gov-

ernment in Iraq.

During her confirmation hearings last week, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice declared that North Korea was one of six "outposts of tyranny," along with Belarus,

Burma, Cuba, Iran and Zimbabwe. "The key thing is not to make inflammatory statements," Weldon said. "We don't need to punch our chest and say how great we are and talk about the negative aspects of other societies."

Weldon said he did not know how North Korea would react to Rice's statement, but he added: "I don't think harsh rhetoric helps. It only inflames regimes that are already paranoid about what your ultimate

intentions are."

North Korea issued a relatively positive

statement after the congressional delegation's visit to Pyongyang, including an inter-

est in being a "friend" of the United States. But after Rice's confirmation hearings, the official North Korean news agency released a statement declaring that the United States is "a wrecker of democracy as it ruthlessly infringes upon the soweringthy of other countries and human rights of their peoples for the mere reason that they are different from it in ideology, system and religious belief."

and reigious belier. Weldon said the North Koreans had made it clear the key speech will be the State of the Union. "That's the one they will be watching most clearly," he said, adding that he hopes the reference to North Korea in the speech will sidestep the problems in the country and focus instead on "the need for dialogue to resolve the problems."

#### \$7.3B Boeing deal

BELJING — Six Chinese airlines have signed a deal to buy 60 of Boeing Co.'s new 7E7 jetliners for a combined total of about \$7.3 billion, one of the carriers announced Friday. It is the largest firm order to

It is the largest firm order to date for Boeing's new fuel-efficient jet and gives Chicago-based Boeing a boost in its competition with European rival Airbus SAS for business in China.

The first of the jetliners will be delivered in 2008, Xiamen Airlines Co. said in a statement.

# Japan considers timing of sanctions against Pyongyang

The Yomiuri Shimbun/KRT

TOKYO — The Japanese government has begun debating how and when to apply economic sanctions against North Korea in the ongoing dispute over the remains of an abductee.

Japan's Foreign Ministry, in a statement Thursday, said it was "highly deplorable" that North Korea had called the DNA examination of the remains conducted by the Japanese government a fabrication. The ministry added that a harsh response from Japan would have to be considered if North Korea failed to change its attitude.

The Japanese government last month announced that the remains North Korea handed over to Japan were not those of abductee Megumi Yokota, as Pyongyang had claimed.

"The time has come to discuss the actual schedule for economic sanctions," Shinzo Abe, the Liberal Democratic Party's acting secretary general, said Thursday. "The government should consider setting a target date to end the negotiations and start the sanctions."

Prime Minister Junichino Koizumi said he was not yet thinkind about setting a target date. "We must negotiate with [North Korea] as well. We have two issues to solve: the abductions and nuclear development. Therefore, we need both dialogue with them and pressure on them." he said.

The government began prepar-

ing a counterargument to the fabrication charges by assembling data to support the DNA exam that proved the remains were not those of Yokota.

Tokyo also began studying possible economic sanctions based on the revised Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law enacted last year. However, some officials are said to be cautious about economic sanctions, saying the impact would be limited if China and South Korea continued to trade with North Korea.

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# **Father reunites with son after tsunami**

By IRWAN FIRDAUS The Associated Press

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia -For more than a month, Muhammad Jamil toured refugee camps and morgues in this tsunami-ravaged city looking for three of his children missing since the waves struck

On Friday, he found his son but there was still no news of his two daughters.

"I was always convinced he was still alive," said Jamil, after hugging 11-year-old Habibi, who was in the shower when his father arrived, "God was listening to the prayers I have been saying day

The reunion - a rare piece of good news in this province where tens of thousands of parents have lost children to the waves - was organized by international aid group Save the Children, which has been tracing the relatives of lost kids

Jamil, a 52-year-old cocoa farm-

er, was checking on his crops when the tsunami struck. Habibi was supposed to be staying with Jamil's eldest daughter, but had gone to play at a friend's house in the center of this provincial canital, where almost 40,000 people

Jamil's happiness was tempered by the knowledge that two of his daughters, ages 9 and 23, were still missing - and most likely dead. They had been at the 23-year-old daughter's house, which the waves washed away. His four other children were un-

"I still long for my daughters, but at least I have Habibi now," said Jamil, whose wife died several years ago. He now lives at a refugee camp.

Save the Children, based in Westport, Conn., and other organizations are registering lost children in Indonesia and other tsunami-struck countries to reunite them with family members. The group has so far listed 72 children

who have been separated from their parents or are being looked after by other relatives

Save the Children stopped using pictures and offering extensive information on lost kids fearful that child smugglers might use the details to claim the youngsters as their own. Instead, it issues lists solely consisting of names and posts them in public places

After the tsunami, Habibi was taken in by a family living close to his friend's house. Save the Children learned of his whereabouts from people living in a nearby refugee camp.

Jamil spent the last month visiting countless refugee camps and hospitals. He said he checked the corpses of hundreds of children littering the streets in the days after the disaster.

On Wednesday, Jamil discovered his son's name on a list at the Save the Children office in Banda

Workers at the charity then



Khaerul Habibi, 11, center, is reunited with his father, Muhamad Jamil left, and uncle Abdurahman in Banda Aceh, Indonesia, on Friday. At right is Hasanah, who cared for Habibi since a tsunami bit Randa Aceb.

showed Habibi pictures of five different men.

"I pointed straight to my father's picture," he said. Habibi, his hair still wet from his shower. smiled shyly as he met his father

"I am happy to meet my dad," he said. "I want to stay with my father in the refugee camp, but I still want to be able to come here and play around with my friends."

## Man recounts his struggle to survive bird flu

BY MARGIE MASON The Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam - When Nguyen Thanh Hung first heard he had bird flu, he knew he had to stay awake despite a crushing headache and raging fever that fueled his un-quenchable thirst. Days earlier, he'd watched his older brother battle the same symptoms, fade into a coma and die

On Jan. 11, the day of his brother's funeral in their home province of Thai Binh, about 60 miles outside the capital of Hanoi, Hung, 42 two days later.

As his condition worsened, the doctors con As his condition worsened, the doctors con-41 people. firmed that both Hung and his 47-year-old and it was breaking into pieces," he told The brother had been infected with the H5N1 strain of bird flu that has killed nine people in Vietnam since Dec. 30 in a new resurgence.

A total of 41 people in Vietnam and Thailand have died of it since the outbreak began. There's no vaccine or treatment, and about 70

percent of those infected have died. With odds like those. Hung knew he must

"I felt like my head was pressured by a vise



developed a mild fever and sought treatment Nguyen Thanh Hung, 42, sits on his hospital bed in Bach Mai Hospital in Hanoi, Vietnam, on Wednesday. Hung is one of only two people to survive the recent bird flu outbreak that has killed

> Associated Press on Wednesday while sitting on his hospital bed in a quarantined room. "I told myself that I had to be alert and not be in the condition of my brother. I thought that if I

For three long days Hung's fever burned, peaking at 105.8 degrees and never dropping below 102.2. X-rays of Hung's right lung showed the rapid spread of the virus - one day a milky spot the size of two fingers cloud-

went to sleep, I could go into a coma.

ed his lung, the next it had grown to a chalky

area the size of a hand. He struggled for air but never coughed, and guzzled up to 21/2 gallons of water a day to try to cool the fever.

An investigation into the brothers' illness is still going on and the mode of transmission has not been firmly established, said Peter Horby, a WHO epidemiologist in Hanoi.

'There are a few survivors, but not many,' WHO's Horby said. "So he's lucky. That's all we can say."

# Letters show Nazi doctor never expressed regret

BY GAVIN RABINOWITZ

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — In previously unseen post-World War II letters, notorious Nazi doctor Josef Mengele describes a banal existence as a fugitive in South America. complaining about his lazy Brazilian housekeeper and documenting his weekly trips to town to eat strudel at a German bakery one of "the small pleasures I very much enjoy."

Mengele — who met newly ar-



ers at the Auschwitz death camp. chose who went to the gas chambers and carried out horrific experiments children,

rived prison-

and twins dwarfs - also writes of his long-

ing and love for Germany

"How is the Fatherland is it still the Fatherland?" Mengele wrote to a friend in a letter dated November 1972 - according to an excerpt from some of the letters published Friday by the Israeli newspaper Yediot Ahronot, as the world marked the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz camp Nazi-occupied Poland

The letters show that Mengele. who eluded capture after the war ended and lived secretly in South America, most of the time in Brazil, until his death in 1979, died convinced of the superiority of what Nazis called the Arvan race. He also never expressed regret in the letters and praised the apart-heid regime that governed South Africa until 1994

The first published papers detailing Mengele's life were printed in 1985 in the German weekly magazine Bunte. Those excerpts portrayed a bitter fugitive in constant fear of apprehension, plagued by nightmares and sleeplessness, but defiant about Germany's murderous Nazi period.

## Hong Kong heiress in will dispute

BY HELEN LUK The Associated Press

HONG KONG - Hong Kong's richest woman, Nina Wang, was formally charged Friday for alleg-edly forging her late husband's will in an attempt to secure his multimillion dollar fortune, officials said.

Wang, chairwoman of Chin-achem Group, appeared in court on charges of forgery and pervert-ing the course of justice, a court document showed.

Wang, 67, was granted bail of \$7.1 million; again on March 23, said judiciary spokeswoman Jaime Or. She did not have to

enter a plea Friday. Wang said in a statement sent out by her law firm that she "now has the opportunity to establish her innocence in court." She declined further comment. Wang's husband, Teddy Wang,

was kidnapped in 1990 and was never seen again. He was de-clared dead in 1999.

2002, a court ruled that Teddy Wang's will awarding his wife \$128 millionwas probably forged by Nina Wang. The court handed Teddy Wang's estate to

handed Teddy Wang's estate to his father, Wang Din-shin. During the 171-day trial, Wang Din-shin accused Nina Wang of adultery by showing pictures of her with an alleged lover

Nina Wang never responded publicly to the accusation, but her version of the will ended with the handwritten phrase, "one life,

one love."

Nina Wang was subsequently arrested on forgery charges, but was soon released on a bond of \$641,000; Nina Wang built her husband's company, Chinachem Group, into a major property developer after his disappearance. Forbes magazine last year estimated her worth at \$2.3 billion.

#### IN THE STATES

# Rice takes oath of office Gay couple sues Calif.

BY BARRY SCHWEID The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Condoleezza Rice took the oath as secretary of state — a second time — with President Bush's assurance to the world that she will lead by "character and conviction and wisdom

Rice pledged, in response, to use diplomacy to widen the community of democracy. "You have given us our mission and we are ready to serve our great country and the cause of freedom for which it stands," she said.

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a neighbor in Washington's Watergate apartment building, administered the 137-year-old oath in the State Department's formal dining room Friday. Rice's uncle Alto Ray and two aunts, Geona Patterson and Mattie Bonds, held the Bible.

It was her second swearing in The first was in a private ceremonv at the White House Wednesday night with White House chief of staff Andrew H. Card Jr. officiating. Ginsburg praised Rice as a person of "exceptional talent.

Both Bush and Rice paid tribute in their remarks to Colin Powell, who was secretary of state in Bush's first term. "All of us admire and appreciate the service of Colin Powell," the president



Condoleezza Rice is sworn in Friday as secretary of state in Washington, From left to right are: President Bush: Genoa McPhatter. Rice's aunt: Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg: Alto Ray. Rice's uncle; and Rice.

'Colin Powell left big shoes to fill when he left the State Department," Bush added. "Condoleezza Rice is the person to fill them."

Bush catapulted Rice to the role of top U.S. diplomat after she served for four years as his national security adviser. "Condi's appointment and confirmation as secretary of state marks a remarkable transition in what is already a career of outstanding service and accomplishment." he said.

Calling his trusted adviser by her nickname, Condi, throughout, Bush said his own family had been "enriched by our friendship with this remarkable person."

Rice hit the ground running Thursday with a pep talk to cheering State Department employees crowded into a lobby, meetings on Iraq and the tsunami disaster and telephone conversations with seven foreign leaders as she planned a trip to Europe and the Middle East next week

SANTA ANA, Calif. - A gay couple wants a federal judge to overturn state and federal laws against same-sex marriage, arguing that those laws their civil rights and are equiva-lent to racial segregation.

Calling gays "the most oppressed minority since slavery,' the couple's attorney Richard C Gilbert on Thursday told U.S. District Judge Gary Taylor "It now falls to you to uphold the principles of liberty."

The case is one of the few challenges to bans on same-sex marriage pending in federal court. Most litigation on the issue is in the state court system where advocates believe they have a better chance of success

The five-hour hearing focused on such basic questions as the purpose of marriage, the definition of discrimination and whether a federal court should get involved in an issue that is the subiect of active litigation in state courts

#### Officers arrested on conspiracy charges

CHICAGO - Four veteran police officers conspired with drug dealers to steal money, drugs and guns from competing dealers, authorities said in announcing nine arrests.

Other officers also were part of the conspiracy, authorities said Thursday.

"If I were the other officers, I would be picking up the phone and calling us because we intend to get to the bottom of it," U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald said, suggesting that any officers with guilty knowledge could help themselves by becoming witnesses.

#### Napalm, mines seized from hospital worker

DENTON, Texas - Hand grenades, homemade bombs and mines are among items in an arsenal confiscated from a hospital worker's home

Randall "Randy" Todd remained jailed Friday in lieu of \$200,000 bond on charges of aggravated assault and assault on a peace officer.
Police said the 51-year-old employee of Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas was accused of shooting a construction worker who was in a portable toilet at a construction site across the street, then at-

tacking a law officer during a later investigation. From The Associated Press



**Bush investment** 

plan akin to TSP

Officials say proposal to alter



Investigators examine wreckage from a train crash Thursday in Glendale, Calif. The crash, which killed 11

and then jumped out. On Friday, the man's arraignment was postponed as he received medical evaluation.

people, occurred after an apparently suicidal man parked his SUV in the path of a commuter train Wednesday

Train wreck suspect's hearing delayed

Social Security model now set

BY LAURA MECKLER tions, including how large the pri-

WASHINGTON — President Bush's advisers have settled on a proposal for structuring the personal accounts they hope to create in Social Security, while on Capitol Hill, Senate Democrats were launching an effort to defeat the plan altogether.

Under a plan recommended to Bush, the private accounts would resemble many company-sponsored retirement plans, with just a handful of investment options.

By default, workers would be enrolled in a "life cycle" account, in which investments become more conservative as investors age, if they do not choose one of the other options, according to two officials speaking on condition of anonymity.

On Friday, Senate Democrats were holding a session aimed at showcasing the problems with Bush's overall plan to let workers divert a portion of their Social Security taxes into individual accounts that could be invested in the stock market.

Bush met this month with his Social Security advisers working to write a legislative plan. Yet to be decided are several hig ques-

tions, including how large the private accounts should be, how much guaranteed benefits would be cut and how to pay as much as \$2 trillion needed in the first 10 years to effect the transition to a

new system. In devising a structure for the private accounts, the Bush administration is modeling its proposal after the Thrift Savings Plan, a tax-deferred retirement investment plan similar to a 401(k). The idea is to minimize risk for people at the outset by offering as few as three to five diversified invest-

ment funds.

Bush said in December that his plan would make sure people could not invest "in a frivolous

fashion."
Under the Thrift Savings Plan, federal workers have five investment options, including government and corporate bond funds, a stock fund that tracks the S&P 500, an international fund and other stock funds.

Under the emerging Bush plan for Social Security, the default investment would begin with investments that have greater potential for both risk and reward and shift to safer bonds as a worker ages, officials in and outside the administration and

# 'Adult' material OK'd for Jackson trial

had been released.

BY ROBERT JABLON

medical evaluation.

BY PAUL CHAVEZ

The Associated Press

the wreckage of two commuter trains, searching for

evidence to build a murder case against the suicidal

man who triggered the crash by leaving his SUV on

the tracks. Eleven people died and nearly 200 were in-

Juan Manuel Alvarez, 25, appeared in court Friday

After Alvarez left his car Wednesday morning and

stood by as the trains derailed in a fiery chain-reac-

tion crash, he ran to the porch of a nearby home and

to be arraigned on murder charges, but the hearing

was delayed so the suspect could undergo further

GLENDALE, Calif. - Investigators picked through

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Dozens of adult-oriented books, magazines and DVDs seized at Michael Jackson's Neverland ranch — one with the fingerprints of Jackson and his accuser — can be used as evidence in the singer's upcoming trial, the judge ruled Friday.

The judge also ruled that Jackson's accuser should testify in open court instead of in a closed courtroom with an audio hookup for the media.

At a hearing just three days before the start of jury selection, Judge Rodney Melville permitted most of the proposed evidence to be used at trial but said the prosecution could not refer to the materi-

phy, obscenity or erotic. Instead, the words "adult" or "sexually explicit" can be used, he said. Senior Deputy District At-

al as nornogra-

Zonen said the 50 print and Jackson

video items that were seized in 2003 included graphic sexual material that was heterosexual and homosexual in nature. The material also included

torney Ron

nude photos of models who may have been 18 but looked much

used scissors to stab himself and slash his wrists ac-

had previously been unclear when Alvarez harmed

the rest were taken to hospitals. An incomplete tally Thursday showed at least 23 people remained hospi-

talized, seven in critical condition, and more than 80

efforts Thursday after determining there were no more survivors or bodies to be found.

Emergency workers officially ended their recovery

Alvarez is under suicide watch at a hospital's jail

Sixty of the injured were treated at the scene and

A woman in the house called 911, and Alvarez told paramedics what happened as he was being rushed to a hospital. They radioed police, who arrested him. It

cording to reports in two local newspapers

younger, he said.

Defense attorney Thomas
Mesereau Jr. countered that all the
materials seized were legally available. In the case of the magazine
with the prints, he said, evidence
will show Jackson took it away

will show Jackson took it away from his accuser and locked it up. Jackson, 46, has pleaded not guilty to charges of molesting a 13-year-old boy and plying him with alcohol.

JOn another matter, the judge ruled that jurors will be allowed to see a British documentary broadcast on ABC-TV in 2003 that contains footage of Jackson and his accuser holding hands and Jackson defending his practice of sleeping

in the same bed with children









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# Jobs up in smoke for those who light up

BY DANIEL COSTELLO Los Angeles Times

Employers have recently tried every carrot they can think of - including cash incentives and iPods - to convince employees to quit smoking. Now they are the trying the

Pointing to rising health costs, and the oversized proportion of insurance claims attributed to smokers, employers around United States are refusing to hire applicants who smoke and, sometimes, firing employees who refuse to quit.

"Employers are realizing the majority of health costs are spent on a small minority of workers," says Bill Whitmer, chief executive of the Health Enhancement Research Organization, an employer and health-care coalition in Birmingham, Ala

Federal and state laws bar employers

from not hiring or firing workers based on their race, religion or gender. Some states have enacted laws offering similar protections for smokers. But experts say workers in nearly half the states have few legal ontions if employers decided to prohibit them from smoking outside the workplace.

Employees in many states "work at the discretion of their employers and can be terminated for almost any reason as long as it's not illegal," says Stephen Sugarman, a law professor at the University of California, Ber-

Last fall, Union Pacific Corp., an Omaha, Neb.-based transportation company. stopped hiring smokers in seven states. Company officials said the move was made to help quell employee health costs, which have jumped more than 10 percent each of the last three years. Weyco Inc., an employee benefits company with 200 employees in nicotine on Jan. 1, saying it would fire workers who failed the test or refused to quit smoking. (Four Weyco employees resigned rather than take the test says the company's president, Howard Weyers.) The Riverside County (Calif.) Sheriff's Department plans soon to require applicants for deputy sheriff positions to sign a no-smoking agreement.

In most cases, employers are asking workers to report their smoking habits voluntarily or adding disclaimers such as "nonsmokers only" to job postings. Others are requiring workers to take Breathalyzer tests that can catch traces of carbon monoxide in their lungs or submit to urine tests to detect nico-

Employees, workers' rights groups and some unions are decrying the smoking bans as an invasion of individual rights. "What you do in your own home after work or on

says Lewis Maltby, president of the National Workrights Institute in Princeton, N.J., "The last time I checked, tobacco is a legal prod-

Maltby says his organization is trying to persuade some states to pass broader worker-protection laws.

Critics of the smoking bans say it's not clear that smokers are more costly than other workers, such as people who are ohese While some studies have shown that smokers have higher absentee and lower productivity rates than non-smokers, econo mists who study the issue say the research is limited

It's possible, they say, that smokers don't dramatically increase health costs with chronic and expensive conditions such as emphysema, heart disease and cancer until they're much older, when they're often employed elsewhere or retired.

# Father arrested in girl's slaying at N.Y. parochial school

The Associated Press

HIGHLAND FALLS, N.Y. - A man accused of killing his 7-year-old daughter and leaving her body in the boys' room of her school seemed to be getting his life back together after a drug arrest police said

Christopher Rhodes was arrested after the body of first-grader Jerica Rhodes was discovered with multiple stab wounds shortly after classes started Thursday at her parochial school in this lit-

27-year-old son of a former nolice chief was being held without bail Friday in the county jail. He denies that he killed his

daughter, prosecutors said. The motive in the killing was

unclear, and no weapon has been

Rhodes' home was being tested to see if it matched the victim's. Police were still collecting evidence from Rhodes' house and car Friday morning.

"It's a horrific act perpetrated against the most innocent of victims, a child," said state police Capt. Wayne Olson.

Residents in this hillside vilsome 50 miles up the Hudson River from New York City, said Rhodes had a troubled past. He pleaded guilty two years ago to a drug possession charge, which was reduced to a misde meanor after he went through a counseling program, police said.

Police said they contacted Jerica's mother, who was estranged from the girl and Rhodes and living in another upstate town. They would not identify the mother.

Jerica lived with her paternal grandparents in the village. A woman who answered the phone listed for the family declined to comment Friday.

Jerica was last seen at 8:10 a.m. when Rhodes walked her into school during an assembly at the Sacred Heart of Jesus School Police never made it to the assembly. Investigators believe she was killed at the school.

The 240-student Roman Catho lic elementary school remained closed Friday, and a police fence encircled the grounds. Nestled against the fence were candles, two small teddy bears and a Piglet doll. The school's Rev. Jack Arlotta said parents were in a "state of shock." "There are two places where children should be safe: At home with their families and at school," Miller said.

Rhodes' lawyer said his client loved his daughter.

"I can't believe, for the life of me, that he would have done anything like that," Sol Lesser told the Times Herald-Record of Middletown.



NEW YORK - New York City Transit's president apologized for upsetting commuters when he said it would take up to five years to restore full service on two subway lines damaged by fire - an estimate he later drastically lowered.

"I must have misspoke or didn't clarify myself very well on that " Lawrence Reuter said Thursday at a Metropolitan Transportation Authority board meeting. "I'm sorry."

Officials now believe it will take between six and nine months to completely restore service on the A and C subway lines. The lines were impaired by a fire Sunday that destroyed a signal room at the Chambers Street station in lower Manhattan

#### P&G buys Gillette

NEW YORK - Procter & Gamble Co., the leading U.S. maker of household products brands include Crest, Pampers, Tide and Charmin, is buying the razor and battery maker Gillette Co. for \$57 billion in a deal that will create the world's biggest

consumer-products enterprise, the companies announced Fri-

The merger, which must still be approved by regulators and shareholders, would create a company with revenues of more than \$60 billion that would have even greater clout against mass-maret retailers like Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which have been pressuring consumer product suppliers to keep costs low

#### Wal-Mart benefit policy

LITTLE ROCK Ark - The nation's largest employer is expanding the definition of "immediate family" in its ethics policy to include an employee's same-sex

The Wal-Mart Stores Inc. policv change - disclosed in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Wednesday - accounts for the laws in some states that recognize domestic partnerships and civil unions, officials

Company spokesman Gus Whitcomb on Thursday declined to say if the change would affect employee benefits,.

From The Associated Press



# '70s terror scenarios similar to attacks today

#### BY FRANK BASS AND RANDY HERSCHAFT

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Car bombs are set along one of New York City's busiest streets, timed to explode as the Israeli prime minister arrives. A tipster warns that FBI agents questioning suspected extremists in Chicago are in danger. Another informant claims terrorists are planning attacks on

Los Angeles synagogues.

It sounds like the "threat matrix," the Bush administration's weekly summary of potential at-

tacks

piled in weekly CIA reports more than 30 years ago for the Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism. a Nixon-era task force created after the killings of 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich

"The scenarios were there in the early 1970s," said Brian Jenkins, a senior Rand Corp. adviser who wrote one of the earliest reports on the long-term future of terrorism. "The scenarios are still

here in the early 21st century." The Associated Press reported Sunday that declassified documents it obtained show the task force envisioned in the 1970s many of the same terror threats that would greet President Bush decades later.

Intelligence reports from the FBI and CIA that were sent to the Cabinet panel back then show officials feared a terror attack would reach America's shores, perhaps carried out by Palestinian extrem-

"Although terrorist activities have taken place primarily in Europe and the Middle East, rumors and unconfirmed reports indicate that a Palestinian cell dedicated to violence is in place in the U.S. and allegedly is plotting with unnamed American extremist groups, some spectacular acts against American nationals and/or businesses," said one threat assessment compiled in fall 1972

These acts could be in the form of a bazooka or a suitcase rocket-launched attack against aircraft landing, loading or waiting to take off; a massacre at an airport similar to that experienced at Lod Airport, Tel Aviv, or the hijacking of an aircraft for the purpose of destroying it and its passengers if demands for the release of Arab prisoners are not met," the report said.

In the years after Munich, secret weekly situation reports compiled by the CIA show counter-intelligence officials worried about:

■ A plot to attack an Israeli airliner on the ground in New York

City with submachine guns and rockets. ■ A plan by Black September to sink a Miami-based cruise ship with 400 U.S. passengers en route to Israel to celebrate the Jewish

high holy days.

A threatened murder of a Greek Orthodox minister in Detroit if he didn't influence the Athens government to release terror-

ists held in Greek jails. A potential assassination of former Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, who was visiting the University of Utah.

None of those four threatened attacks took place.



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# **Snake show upsets some**

The Associated Pres

ALBANY, Ga. — Snake hunters planned to gather Saturday for the 45th annual Whigham Rattlesnake Roundup, a serpent spectacle that attracts thousands to rural southwest Georgia.

The event provokes venomous opposition from environmentalists and animal-rights groups who claim the roundups are cruel and threaten Georgia's eastern diamondback population.

Sponsored by the Whigham Community Club, the roundups are a major fund-raising event in Whigham.

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"Everyone has their own agenda," said club president Dave Ulmer. "Ours is just to support our community. Our intention is not to upset the ecosystem."

Hunters bring the slithering rattlers to a snake ring, where they are weighed and measured and used in demonstrations. Prizes are awarded to the hunter with the most rattlesnakes and the one with the largest.

The events attract upward of 20,000 people. "If you face one eyeball to eyeball, there's a little fear," Ulmer said. "It creates an aura of excitement."

The snakes are eventually slaughtered for their hides, used to make outdoors apparel.

Environmentalists and ani-

mal-rights groups say the traditional roundups promote animal cruelty and threaten populations.

"We think the public displays of the mistreatment of snakes re-inforce the mistaken idea that snakes are worthless animals, when they are extremely valuable to the ecosystem," said Anera Cimino, a coordinator with the Humane Society of the United States. "They are predators of rodents and other animals that humans may not like."



LaRue Sheffield shows off an eastern diamondback rattlesnake at the 44th Annual Whigham Rattlesnake Roundup in Whigham, Ga., last year. Snake hunters brought 320 rattlesnakes to the roundup.



# **Study: Fidgeting** helps weight loss

BY LEE BOWMAN

Scripps Howard News Service

We all know them, those frustratingly lean machines who eat as much or more fattening stuff than we do, never deliberately exercise, and vet don't put on the pounds.

Now, an elaborate new study by researchers at the Mayo Clinic helps explain, at least in part, how the metabolisms of seemingly identical couch potatoes with the same lifestyles can be so different.

It turns out that obese couch po tatoes sit still, on average, 150 minutes more each day than lean couch potatoes, who despite equally sedentary jobs and equally sedentary jobs and non-existent exercise habits, manage to walk, play, fidget and generally move around enough each day to burn about 350 calories more than the obese couch denizens do

The researchers, who report their findings Friday in the journal Science, call this phenomena "non-exercise activity thermogenesis" (NEAT for short) and have spent nearly a decade designing the instruments and techniques to capture a person's every move.

"Our patients have told us for years that they have low metabolism, and as caregivers, we have never quite understood what that means, until today, said Dr. James Levine, an endocrinologist at the Rochester, Minn., clinic and lead author of the study

"The answer is that they have low NEAT, which means they have a biological need to sit more A person can expend calories either by going to the gym, or through everyday activities. Our study shows that the calories that people burn in their everyday activities are far, far more important in obesity than we previously imagined.



SCIENCE MAGAZINE/SHNS

Researchers at the Mayo Clinic attached sensors to a group of patients in order to determine why some couch potatoes are lean.

Levine's team laid the groundwork for the current study with another Science report six years ago, when they noted that a group of equally overfed volunteers gained different amounts weight and suggested that the difference was explained by individual differences in how they expended energy outside formal ex-

The next step was to come up with a way to measure the energy used by every toe tap and calcu late the calorie burn differences. Central to the effort was the Physical Activity Monitoring System, a movement-monitoring system that borrows technology from fighter-jet control panels.

Movement sensors were embedded in specially designed underwear worn by 20 volunteers 24 hours a day.

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# **Legislators may cook up** a way to grade kids' BMI

BY MICHAEL HILL The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. - Kids' report cards could include reading, writing and weigh-ins, if a state lawmaker gets his way.

A bill being introduced by Assemblyman Felix Ortiz would require schools to annually provide parents information on their child's weight along with their grades. The brief health reports, which could also be sent alongside report cards, would show where kids stand relative to others on the body-mass index, or a height-to-weight ratio used to define underweight, overweight or obese people.

for himself as a legislative fat fighter with proposals like taxing junk food - claims the expanded report card would spotlight potenhealth problems parents might overlook

"I don't believe we should continue to take things for granted," said the Brooklyn Democrat. "I don't believe we should continue to say Well, parents should know."

The proposal comes as public officials around the nation explore creative ways to deal with the alarming trend in childhood

Nine million school children nationwide are overweight, three times the number in 1980, according to one recent study. Health professionals generally blame the increase on junk food. excessive TV watching and the decline of the sit-down family meal. Statehouses have cooked up a

bunch of programs and legisla-tive proposals designed to raise veight consciousness. The New York BMI proposal is similar to a 2003 Arkansas law which resulted in the release of the first annual BMI reports to parents last June. A Texas lawmaker intro duced a separate BMI measure this month.

California banned soft drink sales at elementary and junior



Fourth-grader Kane Cameron, right, takes his lunch at Waterfront School in Buffalo, N.Y.,. A bill being introduced by Assemblyman Felix Ortiz would require schools to annually provide parents information on their child's weight along with their grades.

high schools and some 20 states restrict students' access to junk food until after lunch. In New York, Gov. George Pataki has enlisted former Olympic swimmer Janet Evans and Philadelphia Flyers goalie Robert Esche to help promote the state's "Active-8 Kids" healthy lifestyle campaign.

Michael F. Jacobson, executive director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, said statehouses and city halls can be more receptive to health-promoting legislation than Congress, which is heavily lobbied by food industries.

Though state and city programs lack the far reach of federal campaigns, Jacobson said they can still help, "There are 100 different

things that contribute to obesity. he said, "and it will take a 100 different programs and publicity campaigns to really have an impact.

Ortiz (whose BMI places him in the "normal weight" zone) said he will use his connections as president-elect of the National Caucus of Hispanic State Legislators to help get the BMI bill introduced in a handful of other states Weigh-ins could be done by any

qualified school employee.
Ortiz said he also intends to keep pushing for a bill that would tax junk food, video games and television commercials to pay for an obesity prevention program. He also has introduced bills that would make fast-food chains post calorie counts and boost physical

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## Education board nixes FSU chiropractic school

BY BRENDAN FARRINGTON The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - Florida's higher education board on Thursday killed a proposed chiropractic school at Florida State University, with some members saying lawmakers were wrong to go forward with the plan without get-ting the support of the faculty. The 10-3 vote by the Board of

Governors ended one of Florida State's biggest academic furors, with more than 500 professors op-posing what would have been the first chiropractic school ever attached to a major American university. Some even threatened to resign rather than teach alongside what they consider a "pseudoscience

"No program should go forward without full faculty support," said board member Dreamal Worthen, who echoed others in sidestepping science to focus on the flawed pro-

Usually, faculty members study the idea of a new program, get it ap proved by its university board of trustees and then go to lawmakers for funding. In this case, the school was a pet project of then Senate President Jim King, who helped pass a state budget with \$9 million in startup funds for the school. Gov. Jeb Bush was not an outspo ken supporter, but he signed off on the proposal.

"The Board of Governors clear-ly had the legal authority to do that," Bush said after learning of the board's decision. Bush said he was not surprised because the university didn't push for it, adding he had "hoped that FSU would have

taken a position."

Board of Governors Chairman Carolyn Roberts said the vote had nothing to do with the merits of the profession.

Florida State President T.K. Wetherell told the board he didn't bring anyone to the meeting to speak for or against the proposal because he wanted the board's guidance before moving forward Afterward, he said he would have liked to have seen the school

open, but doesn't plan to continue to push for it. It was also frustrating for the chiropractic profession, which had en-

visioned the high-profile school as a key part of a becoming part of mainstream medicine. "The decision was being made

for all the wrong reasons," said Jack Hebert, a lobbyist for the Florida Chiropractic Association. "It wasn't about natients or im-

proving health care or providing good health care for the citizens of this state. It became a process de-Chiropractic, which focuses on

manipulating the spine to lesser back pain and improve overall health, has won wider acceptance over the years, as evidenced by its coverage in most health insurance plans. Chiropractors usually receive about four to five years of training in classrooms, laboratories and clinics.

### **RELIGION**

# **Group pushes 'spiritual growth' for women**

BY VINCE LITTLE

Stare and Strings

VOKOTA AIR BASE Janan - Over the past half-century, the Protestant Women of the Chapel program on U.S. military installations in Japan has lagged behind others around the world in terms of visibility

Officials hope to bring more attention to the group and its activities during the first-ever Protestant Women of the Chapel Rising Son Training and Leadership Conference scheduled for March 3-5 at Vokota's Taiyo Recreation Center. The session culminates with a jubilee banquet at the Officers' Club to celebrate the organization's 50th anniversary

The conference, which organizers plan to hold every year, is open to women ages 18 and older and will feature collective meetings and breakout workshops, all designed to promote leadership skills and teach attendees about women's ministry, said Dr. Lynn McCallister, the Protestant Women of the Chapel's adviser for Japan and Guam.

"It's also aimed at developing women in their personal spiritual growth, if they're not interested in ministry," McCallister "This will be for women from all bases in Japan. Even though it's sponsored by PWOC, women of other faiths, regardless of their religious background, are welcome to attend as well

### Protestant Women of the Chapel set to host leadership conference at Yokota in March

Founded in 1955, Protestant Women of the Chapel features about 9,000 members, with chapters spread across more than 170 military bases worldwide, according to Mc-Callister. It receives funding from the Defense Department, which primarily is used to offset travel expenses for those who serve on national and regional boards within the military chapel community.

Local groups rely heavily on donations and resources from each base's chapel bud-

"Our primary mission is to support the chapel programs, develop women in their personal spiritual growth and minister to others." McCallister said. "When installations have a strong PWOC, the positive atmosphere just pervades the whole community, and they've got 50 years of history to

The organization's regular activities include weekly Bible studies, rallies, retreats, conferences, annual training and various monthly programs based on community needs

Its presence is stronger overseas, partic ularly in Europe, McCallister said. An all-Korea conference called "Faithlift" has been staged the last few years. Japan's pro gram, however, is generally considered the weakest of all the international regions.

That's nartly because installations are so isolated here," she said, "Historically, PWOC is strongest with an Army presence. In Japan, we just have more representation of other branches

"This conference will help fix that. It'll help educate and hopefully invigorate some people. When you have strong, contented or happy women, then families become stronger. That's particularly important during times of deployment.

Two guest speakers are covering that issue in detail at the upcoming inaugural Japan conference, she said.

Brenda Pace, author of the new book "Medals Above My Heart," will discuss the rewards of being a military wife. She'll be followed by PWOC-USA president Kim Worrell, whose active-duty husband has been deployed for the last 18 months.

"They have years and years of experience of being married to deployed servicemembers," McCallister said, adding that her husband, Larry, has spent nearly half of their 25-year marriage away from home.

"We have this deployment thing down real, real well. They'll offer words of encourage ment for women who have deployed loved

McCallister said other steps are being taken to raise the organization's profile in Japan. In addition to annual training at different installations, officials are preparing a resource booklet for all of the Pacific rim, with contact information and ministries to encourage networking and expansion.

The Japan wing consists of active chapters at Misawa Air Base, Camp Zama and Yokota. A large group on Okinawa, which includes members from several of the island's military installations - meets at Kadena Air Base. The group's newest addition formed last year on Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station

No chanters exist at Saseho Naval Base. Atsugi Naval Air Facility or Yokosuka

"We just want to get it more active at every individual installation, because it benefits not only the community as a whole but each individual as well," McCallister

The deadline to register for the March conference at Yokota is Feb. 24. Electronic registration packets may be obtained from local religious education coordinators.

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# Evangelicals don't always lean to the right

#### Movement's platform seeks to assert independence

BY RICHARD N. OSTLING

The Associated Press

As George W. Bush began his second term, his words and actions seemed to reinthe image of a president whose straightforward piety helped him win re-election and earned him lockstep loyalty from white evangelicals.

He attended worship services before and after his inauguration.

The ceremony itself featured both a benediction in Jesus' name and the pres dent's own God-spangled address. Bush said the nation, from its founding, has proclaimed the rights of every person on earth because they bear the image of the Maker of heaven and earth." He added that America's character is sustained by the varied faiths of its people.

Though many doubtless cheered the president's strength-through-faith message, days before the inauguration, some prominent evangelicals showed the movement's political profile is more complex than it often appears.

Seventy-six leaders of evangelical colleges seminaries denominations and ministries petitioned Bush about health insurance and the "unacceptably high" rates of U.S. hunger and poverty.

The group further lamented that the United States "ranks absolutely last" among developed nations in "governmental assistance to overcome global poverty," echoing a United Nations official's controversial comment about "stingy" nations in the wealthy West.

Things may become more complicated in March as a National Association of Evangelicals conference discusses a lengthy political platform, titled "For the Health of the Nation," that the organization's board endorsed unanimously in October

The text opens by asserting that evangelicals "make up fully one-quarter of all voters in the most powerful nation in history It then goes on to challenge both political parties, says NAE Washington, D.C., representative Rich Cizik. "It has a broad agenda of concerns, not just abortion and gay

marriage," he says. As the platform puts it: "The Bible makes it clear that God cares a great deal about the well-being of marriage, the family, the sanctity of human life, justice for the poor, care for creation, peace, freedom and racial justice.

Fuller Theological Seminary President Richard Mouw says the document provides a valuable reminder that "evangelicalism is a very diverse movement." His point is further reinforced by a new anthology by Ronald J. Sider and Diane Knippers. "Toward An Evangelical Public Polithat addresses issues the NAE also

Though almost all evangelicals are con servative on family and moral issues, Mouw says, a significant segment ques tions Bush's foreign and economic policies To accommodate a pacifist minority, the

NAE platform says evangelicals differ on whether military force is justified to defend the nation or help people elsewhere. Though it lacks major political clout, the

NAE claims a constituency of many mil lions of American Christians in 45,000 local congregations and numerous indepen-

University of Akron political scientist John C. Green says the NAE represents evangelicalism's pragmatic center over two other wings, the progressive evangelicals and the Christian right, which includes much of the Southern Baptist Convention



President Bush attends the Presidential Inaugural Prayer service at Washington's National Cathedral, Jan. 21, with first lady Laura Bush and daughters Barbara, left, and Jenna.

U.S. Protestantism's largest denomination Evangelicals of the left and center have

long been obscured by the media coverage of outspoken figures on the right, such as

Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson. Despite the GOP's increasing support, Clive Calver, a British citizen who led World Relief, the NAE charity arm, says it's important that the words evangelical and Republican not be interchangeable

"When we align with one political party we get taken for granted," he says.

"It is more difficult to make criticisms when appropriate, and it fails to give us the opportunity to lobby for issues that are naturally attuned to the other party."

# Relient K's songs offer plenty to ponder

BY BRIAN BOWERS Stare and Strings

Relient K has grown up. On its first few CDs, the pop-punk band offered a light-hearted look at life and relationships. The discs were filled with witty, off-kilter observations and lyrics. music often bounced closer to pop than

punk But on the band's fourth full-length disc. "MMHMM," frontman and songwriter Matt Thiessen offers deeper insights and edgier music. The wit is still there but the

songs offer more to ponder Todav's praise than a few clever phrases. And

the straight-forward guitars and pounding drums place the disc more firmly in the punk category.

"Be My Escape," which currently rides atop R&R's Christian rock radio chart, typifies the disc, flowing from assertive guitarwork to an acoustic finale while discussing doubt, insecurity and grace. "I So Hate Consequences" is one of the strongest songs of the disc, exploring mistakes and pleading for God's help.

The punk beat pushes its way forward in "The Only Thing Worse Than Beating a Dead Horse Is Betting On One" - about truth — and "Which To Bury. Us Or the Hatchet" — about a failed relationship. The "old" Relient K is most evident in "My



The pop-punk band Relient K is, from left, Matt Thiessen. Matt Hoopes and Dave

Girl's Ex-Boyfriend," which offers the view that "If it wasn't for him, he would be able to see that, if it wasn't for him, he'd be as happy as me.

A mellower tone emerges in a few songs, such as "Let It All Out," which delves into

the complex nature of pain, and "When I Go Down, which ends the disc with reflections on turning to God amid failure.

Like the band's previous discs, "MMHMM" has a lot of say about relation-- with friends, girlfriends/boyfriends and God - but the level of the discussion has matured significantly.

On the Web: www.relientk.com

Contemporary Christian artists are usually quick to offer support and thanks to U.S. troops serving overseas. Sometimes the thoughts find their way back again

In Iraq, Staff Sgt. Blake Fletcher is commander of a security truck for the 256th Brigade Combat Team, part of the Louisiana Army National Guard.

Fletcher recently wrote to members of the worship group Phillips, Craig and Dean about "how much your music has blessed me and has helped keep me in the right spirit." The staff sergeant agreed to let the message appear here after it was brought to Stripes' attention.

On Dec. 16, Fletcher and his crew were called to the tactical operations center, where he learned that an improvised explosive device had hit a Humvee, killing a young lieutenant and wounding the rest of the crew. Fletcher's job was to escort unit leadership to the hospital.

While at the hospital. Fletcher led a prayer for the group of visitors. But on the way back to his forward operating base, he was overwhelmed by thoughts of what Christmas would be like for the family of the fallen lieutenant and for his own fami-

Feeling depressed, he knew he had to pray again

"I laid on my bunk and put on your CD. 'Let the Worshipers Arise.' As I played it, the first song came on, 'I Am A Friend of God.' That spirit of depression and fear left



Fletcher

that no man should have to, but that is our calling on the battlefield I have called Jesus' name many over here.

There is just something about that name that gives power, peace and direction. "I wanted you to know how your music

has blessed my life.

On the Web: www.phillipscraiganddean.

Today's Praise is a roundup of news and reviews from the contemporary Christian music industry. It annears on the Religion page.

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# Nigerian cardinal picks his words carefully

### When he speaks, it's of sacrifice, God's help — not papal succession

BY JEFFREY WEISS The Dallas Morning News

ardinal Francis Arinze was the Vatican's point man for interreligious outreach for 18 years. Yet, he is famously reluctant to he interviewed. That's said to be tied partly to

his impatience with secular reporters who badger him about his chances of ascending to the papa-The 72-year-old Nigerian-born

cardinal is on any short list of candidates to succeed John Paul II. The cardinal charmed a small crowd in Dallas recently with his

acceptance speech for an award he got for his interfaith work. God, he said, deserves the credit for anything he's achieved as a

When you praise a suit wellmade, you are praising the tai-lor," he said with a smile. "Not the wood that the suit is put on in the tailor shop."

After his speech, he reluctantly but thoughtfully answered a few questions from The Dallas Morn-

In 2002, after serving as the head of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, he was named the head of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of Sacraments. That shifted his focus from what may be the Vatican's strongest outreach program to the most sacred internal workings of the Catholic Church.

It also places him near the top

of the Vatican hierarchy. He was in Dallas for a conference on Catholic liturgy. He received his award on the same day news broke about a Catholic arch. bishop being kidnapped in Iraq. The cleric's release the next day scarcely lessens the danger that religious leaders face in many parts of the world.

There is no easy advice the Vatican can offer its clergy, Cardinal Arinze said.

"We cannot solve violence with violence. We have to try to solve hatred with love," he said. "If we try to pay hatred back

with hatred, that will not be a good solution. ... I know this is easy to say, difficult to do. As Christians, this is what Christ taught us," he said.

"Easy to say, difficult to do but not impossible. With God's help. I must add that: with God's

His two decades of interfaith work spanned a time when some chasms seemed to close while others grew larger. Cardinal Arinze suggested that the bridge builders don't get as much attention as the bridge destroyers.

"There are many people sacrificing themselves for others. Often they do not catch the headlines. One evil action catches the headlines," he said.

"But occasionally, the head-lines mention people like Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta — occasionally. Such people remind



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Nigerian Cardinal Francis Arinze, a senior cardinal at the Vatican in Italy, was presented the Thanks-Giving Distinguished World Achievement Award at a ceremony in Dallas earlier this month.

us that there is hone."

Despite the internal focus of his current job, Cardinal Arinze thrust himself into last year's American presidential campaign when he issued a statement from the Vatican saying Catholic politicians who unambiguously support abortion are "not fit" to receive Communion.

Democratic candidate John Kerry, a Catholic, had said that he was personally opposed to abortion but supported the legal right of a woman to obtain one.

Someone who publicly embraces a particular faith has an obligation to live in accord with that faith, the cardinal said.

"A person should be clear on what that person's religion teaches and make an effort to live it '

"It demands sacrifice. But

every student or ... athlete who wants to win in the Olympic Games knows that sacrifice is necessary if you want a good result.

Finally, the cardinal addressed the health of Pone John Paul II. now 84 and suffering visibly from Parkinson's disease.
"He is well," the cardinal said.

'He is not a teenager. He cannot do skiing now. But he is well. He is calm, and he does his work in faith and love."

## **Sunday Horoscope**

knowledge can do for you; ask what you can do for the body of

human knowledge. A day spent dreaming, scheming and inventing is a day well spent while Mercury transits through Aquarius. Contributing to the intellectual fabric of **Holiday Mathis** society starts by solving the simple problems in vour own life

#### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (January 30). This is your vear to be kind to yourself. It makes no sense to work grueling hours and sacrifice until it hurts your soul. You should be praising

instead of punishing your self. Keen track of all you give through the next 12 weeks Your building self-esteem is noticed by new friends and a love interest, too. Lucky love signs are Virgo and

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19). Do what you must to feed your romantic life. This should feel more

like fun than work, but either way it's important to just do it. When you're not expecting a response, you'll get the best one ever

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's still more studying to do,

but what you already know will begin to pay off in some way, too. You'll be asked to give a repeat performance. If you do, you shine even brighter than before

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Work will call to you, but don't answer that call - you need your rest more. Keep understanding loved ones close by. Low-key fun will be restorative. Laughter is your itual retreat

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Powerful people surround you, but unless you can connect with them mentally and emotionally, you won't be able to tap into their moio So make an effort to get on the same wavelength with your fellow

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your approach to getting your life together today includes so much wishful thinking, you may as well be rubbing Aladdin's lamp in hopes that a genie will pop out. Lucky for you,

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). See the positive side of self-indulgence. Cravings or obsessive thought patterns are a sign that a basic need has yet to be met. If

you satisfy the need, your symptoms finally abate, and you can get back to giv-

ing

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The list of things that must be done today is endless. If you really took the time to write it out and look at it, you might be paralyzed in a state of wondering what to do first. So wing it for a few hours before you make a formal

#### plan. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

The creative well is dry. You need inspiration as much as you need food and air. Go into the world in the form of a sponge ready to soak un any entertainment intellectual stimulation and artistry you encoun-

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). You're on a cosmic timeout not so much a punishment as an invitation to reflect on the events of last week. Regrets? You have a few, "then again, too few to men-

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Your body has something to tell you and could be retaliating from a bad habit of yours. Don't punish yourself; just make new choices. It's easier to tame the monster while the monster is still

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Style, glamour and aesthetics are of interest. You are looking for something fresh as you hone the way you present yourself to the

world. Cut out pictures of people who exude the kind of success vou'd like to have

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Rally to get more supporters for

your pet cause. A phone drive, an e-mail list or a contest of some sort helps you make a splash. Avoid friction between friends - it's just not worth it

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# History bound in 'red tape

I have often heard people complain about things not getting accomplished due to too much bu-reaucratic "red tape." Please provide the origin of this old nhrase

The term "red tape" has indeed been around for some time, appearing in print many times over the last 300 years. But it did not always refer to excessively complex official procedures that cause delay or inaction. In fact, "red tane" originally referred to the red, ribbon-like strips of material formerly used in England to bind legal documents This official use of red tane is

mentioned several times in English and American literature. But even as "red tape" was being

used in this literal sense, it was already taking on its more common negative connotation. By the 19th century, the British legal system had gained a reputation of being frustratingly complex and slow moving. Legal documents, typically lengthy and verbose, were mate rial manifestations of an excessive ly regulated and formalized system, and the bright red ribbon that bound them came to symbolize this overwrought bureaucracy. From this association "red tap eventually came to refer to bureau-

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# Cheapskate husband won't stop complaining about money

Dear Abby: I love my husband, "Harvey," very much, but he is tight with money. I am not a spendthrift, and we pay our bills

on time and have no large debts. Every time we buy so Harvey feels the need to comment about how Dear Abby

much we're spending This includes eating out which we do infre. quently. I have walked out of more than one restaurant when Harvey started complaining about the prices. I tell him it takes the enjoyment out of an otherwise sant experience, but he doesn't seem to get it. He says he likes to complain and that I should ignore it.

We have an anniversary coming up, and I know Harvey will want to take me out to dinner but I can't look forward to it because I know what will hap pen, and I won't have a good time. What should I do?

#### - Wants to Eat in Peace in Maine

Dear Wants to Eat in Peace: Remind your frugal husband in advance that your anniversary is a special day, and you don't want the evening ruined by his complaining about the cost of the dinner. When your special day arrives and you're leaving for the restaurant, tell him sweetly that if he complains about the evpense, he'll be sleeping in the

Dear Abby: I am (not by choice) the single mother of a beautiful 19-month-old

daughter I'll call Jenny Jenny's father, "John, died in a car accident less than a year ago. His best friend, "Paul," arranged a benefit with the proceeds to go to Jenny. That was last July. Jenny has yet to receive a dime of this money. Paul never told me

the exact amount that was raised, and he still has the money. I spend a lot of

time with them, but I'm scared to ask. Paul and his wife are facing some big expenses, so I'm afraid they might "borrow" Jenny's money. All of it was donated by family, friends and the people I work for I asked Paul's wife about it the

other day, and she said she would get back to me, but the expression on her face was unsettling. I'm afraid they're going to use my daughter's money to cover their expenses. I really want to get it out of their hands and put it in Jenny's trust account. How can I keep the peace and still get what is due my

- Hopeful in Ohio

Dear Hopeful: That may not be possible; however, your daughter's future is more important than a potential argument. If the money that was raised for your daughter has been diverted, it may be considered fraud and embezzlement. For Jenny's sake, please consult a lawyer and have the lawyer get the money plus an accounting.

Dear Abby: My boyfriend is obsessed with large breasts and constantly "hints" that I should enlarge my 34Cs. Lately he has been coming

home late and telling me that he's been working overtime when I know for a fact that he's been hanging out with his ex-girlfriend, a stripper with 38DDs. I love my boyfriend and don't

want to lose him, but I'm not sure about enlargement. If it's the only way I can get him away from her, I guess I'll do it. What do you think, Abby? - Not Busty Enough in Philly

Dear Not Enough: Rather than enlarging your breasts to satisfy his obsession, you'd be better served to enlarge your circle of bovfriends. Letters for this column - with you

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440. Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

# Counseling best option for mother of criminal daughter

Dear Annie: This past summer, my 19-year-old daughter, "Joy." was arrested for murder

Four years ago, Joy moved out of my house and went to live with my ex-husband and his wife. In those four years, Joy quit school was in and out of trouble, and became pregnant. My ex and his wife now

have custody of our 3-year-old granddaugh ter, and I must say, they are doing a wonderful job raising her. Even though Jov al-

ways was a handful, we did our best to bring her up right and sought professional help all along the way. It just never did any good. I'm trying to come to terms

with what my daughter has done, but I can't find any support groups for parents whose children ave committed heinous crimes. There are lots of victims' groups, but none that address the grief and despair of the families of the

What do I say when people ask me how my daughter is doing - Feeling Alone

Dear Alone: Society is quick to blame the parents when a child commits a crime, even when parents have done everything possible to provide a loving, decent home life. You do not have to convey any information

about Joy's current status unless you want to. You need only say, "Joy is fine, thanks." No matter what your child has

done, we know you still love her We are not aware of any support group, but counseling is always a good idea when faced with such anguish. Ask your doctor or clergyperson to refer you to

Annie's Mailbox



Dear Annie: MV mother raised five children by herself and

is used to cooking in huge volumes. We eat dinner at her home once a week, and she always cooks two or three times more than what we actually need, and then saddles us with the leftovers. We neither want nor need this extra

Mom is from the old country

and thinks that the way others view her cooking is a reflection on her. If we told her not to give us the leftovers, she would be deeply insulted. I really enjoy her kindness but I don't know what to do. Your opinion?

- Sick of the Leftovers in Florida

Dear Leftovers: If you cannot tell Mom that you won't eat the leftovers, simply thank her and then toss them in your freezer or in the garbage. Food pantries don't generally accept home-cooked leftovers, but if you pass any homeless people on the street, they surely would be

Dear Annie: You printed a letter about a couple who planned a vacation with friends, but the wife is upset about leaving on her daughter's 10th birthday, even though the girl had a party the weekend before. Dad said the daughter "is already mad at us for going on this trip without her."

This girl is a spoiled brat. How many dollars did those parents lavish on this girl in an attempt to pacify her? You suggest-ed they join their friends on vacation the following day. I say "balo-ney!" I believe a little old hairbrush in the right spot might help out here. That man should tell his daughter to stop whining and let his wife know he'll go without her. I have been married for 63 years and would never put up with that.

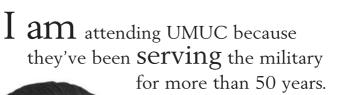
— Wisconsin

Dear Wisconsin: Our advice wasn't intended to placate the daughter

It was to alleviate the mother's anxiety. If leaving one day later solves the problem, it seems more sensible than telling Dad to push his weight around. But thanks for your opinion.

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#### 'Old School' party

NC DURHAM — In what police say was an homage to the movie "Old School," partying Duke University students were found in a fraternity house base ment with an inflatable pool, a whole lot of baby oil and women in bikinis

Police came upon the scene early Sunday after responding to a noise complaint

Officers said they cleared the house of the 200 revelers, sending some of the women home in the subfreezing temperatures in nothing more than the bikinis they

#### Dorm fire remembered

SOUTH ORANGE - Relatives of people killed in a Seton Hall dormitory fire in 2000 planned to gather on campus Wednesday to mark the fifth anniversary of the blaze that left three freshmen dead. Two students were indicted in June 2003 on murder and arson charges and are free on bail pending trial. They have maintained their innocence

#### Prairie dog not a pest

SD PIERRE — A legislative committee killed a bill to designate the black-tailed prairie dog as a state pest after game officials said the measure could wreck their efforts to control the critters. The legislation could lead environmental groups to renew efforts to have the animal designated as endangered, officials said. That could interfere with ongoing state pro-

#### Poor park programs

CA FRESNO — Thousands of California students are turned away from national park education programs each year because of insufficient funding and staff reductions, according to a study.

The report released Wednesday by the National Parks Conservation Association examined educational programs at 11 of California's 24 national parks. It found that more than 80,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grade participate in the programs each year, or 1 percent of the state's 7 million public and private school students

"Part of providing a high-quality education to our children is ensuring access to the unique learning opportunities in our national parks," said Deborah DeMeo, the association's California desert field representative

#### Drug testing for officials

NM SANTA FE — A lawmaker wants New Mexico to require yearly random drug testing of all its elected officials, from school board members to U.S. senators, with results posted on the In-

"I think we need to remember that we are public servants," Republican state Sen. Steve Komadina said Tuesday.

His bill was prompted by last year's drug-related arrests of a breds farm.

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prominent New Mexico judge and a public utilities commissioner

Tim Storey, a senior fellow at the National Conference of State Legislatures, said he knew of no other state that requires such testing.

#### Poisoning of family

W PORTAGE — A teenager put mouse poison into his family's food for five weeks before his stepfather discovered the pellets in some coffee grounds, according to a criminal complaint.

The 15-year-old was charged with three counts of attempted first-degree intentional homicide. A judge set bail at \$25,000 cash Wednesday.

When interviewed by police at school, the teen said he put poison in juice, milk, spaghetti, coffee and meat, according to the complaint. The boy told investigators that he did not want to kill his family, but wanted to make them sick because he was mad at them.

#### Walls must come down

VT JERICHO — A judge has or-dered a Jericho man to tear down a house to restore a natural bird habitat in a wetland.

Larry Westall built three-story, 30-foot-high house a



#### Hooded horse

Yen is dressed for the weather as she enjoys a bite of hay near Fairfield, Fla. The 3-year-old, whose formal name is Yen-Sho Nuf-Wil, seems to enjoy the cold weather that she woke up to on the Jenkin Just Right Thorough-

decade ago Browns Trace Road in wetlands deemed important for migratory birds. Superior Court Judge Richard Norton recently upheld a state order that the house come down by June 1 because it doesn't comply with state wetland rules.

State officials were unaware of any previous case of a house being built in a Ver-mont wetland. In this case, the Class II wetland has a 50-foot protective buffer because it is considered significant

The house has not been occupied because of problems Westall encountered in obtaining permits, officials said.

#### Shooting out windows

GRETNA - Six teenagers were accused of shooting out the windows of at least 242 vehicles in the New Orleans area leaving behind at least \$100,000 in damage. They fired pellet guns while riding in a pickup truck, according to police. Authorities said the teens were arrested after a home surveillance camera caught them in action.

#### Roosters in the ring?

OKLAHOMA CITY With cockfighting now banned in Oklahoma, one legisla-tor is proposing a blood-free alternative: fitting roosters with little boxing gloves and letting them "Who's going to object to chick-

ens fighting like humans do? Everybody wins," said Democratic state Sen. Frank Shurden, a protector of the gamefowl industry and a longtime defender of cockfighting, in which birds are fitted with razor-like spurs and often battle to the death.

Oklahoma voters banned cock fighting in 2002. The practice is still legal in Louisiana and New Mexico.

#### Life for serial rapists

MT HELENA — The Montana Supreme Court upheld a law requiring serial rapists to spend the rest of their lives in prison. The court said the law isn't unconstitutional because it's based on protecting society and discouraging repeated offenses. The decision upheld Charles Webb's life sentence for raping a woman in 2002, four months after he was released from prison for a 1995 rape.

#### Smokers: You're fired

LANSING - Four employ-MI LANSING — rour campa ees of a health care compa ny have been fired for refusing to take a test to determine whether they smoke cigarettes.

Weyco Inc., a health benefits administrator based in Okemos Mich., adopted a policy Jan. 1 that allows employees to be fired if they smoke, even if the smoking happens after business hours or at

Company founder Howard Wey ers has said the anti-smoking rule was designed to shield the firm from high health care costs. "I don't want to pay for the results of smoking," he said.



roof in Syracuse, N.Y.



Taking to the air in Beaufort, N.C.

A great grey heron flies off after snacking on fish along Taylors Creek



The braiding bunch
Diana Boyles, 6, center, reacts to an educational video as she braids the hair of Sydnie Hodges, 8, right, as her own hair is braided by Aubrey Scott, 7, left, at Valley Christian Academy in Roswell, M.M.



Cleaning up is fun Acleanup by the Almaraz family
City, Kan., netted old tires and several bags of trash. From left, Michael,
12; Bethany, 7; and Stephen, 6, chased one of the tires as they took it to
the trash oile.



Trying to stay dry
Raymundo Frias took cover
beneath his umbrella as he made
his way through San Jacinto Plaza
in El Paso. Texas.



In the hot seat Firefighters from five area fire departments responded to the blaze at the Old Hickory Furniture Company in Martinsville, Ind., where fire crews were handicapped in spraying water on the east side of the building because of high voltage lines.

#### Forced retirement

MD BALTIMORE — The Police Department is forcing 160 injured officers to retire after doctors determined they will never be fit for full duty. It's intended as a money-saving move that will allow the hirring of more part officers. The police union argues the department is casting off valuable employees.

#### **Proof of citizenship**

PHOENIX — Arizona has become the first state to require proof of citizenship when registering to vote, a measure that supporters say is intended to prevent voter fraud.

The law went into effect Tuesday after being approved by voters in November. It requires that people provide proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate, when registering to vote and show specified forms of identification when casting a ballot at a polling place.

A civil-rights group and Democratic legislators recently had urged the Department of Justice to reject the law. They argued the changes will erect barriers that will hinder minorities' participation in elections.

#### Proposed living wage

DC WASHINGTON — Public contractors would be required to pay their employees a "living wage" under a proposal introduced in the City Council. Member David Catania wants the rate to be at least \$10.50 an hour. Courtacts under \$50,000 and contractors with fewer than 10 employees would be exempt.

#### **Erosion in Great Lakes**

TRAVERSE CITY — Lake Huron and Lake Michigan are losing vast amounts of water because of erosion from a decades-old dredging project, according to a new study.

The lakes, connected geologically, saw levels drop when a commercial navigation channel was dug at the bottom of the St. Clair River in 1962, boosting the flow south toward Lake Erie.

According to the report, riverbed erosion has contributed to a decline of 8 to 13 inches in the Huron-Michigan water level.

Several environmental organizations said the report illustrates the unintended consequences of dredging, sand mining, shoreline alteration.

#### Meth-use rate soaring

SD PIERRE — Healthcare advocates told legislators that methamphetamine use has skyrocketed in South Dakota. About 69 state residents per 100,000 were admitted for meth treatment in 2002, up from four per 100,000 a decade earlier, said Karen Larson, depthy director of the Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas

#### Outdoor smoking ban

CA SAN FRANCISCO — City officials voted Tuesday to ban smoking in all parks, public squares and many other outdoor

spaces owned by the city.

In an 8-3 vote, the Board of Supervisors agreed that the health and environmental risks associated with discarded cigarette butts and secondhand smoke merited bans for outdoor spaces.

Violators could be fined up to \$100 on first offense, \$200 for a second violation and \$500 for each additional violation

#### Treatment for gamblers

BATON ROUGE — District automys from six parishes have signed on to a new program that puts those who commit nonviolent crimes because of a gambling addiction into treatment instead of prison. The program is funded through the Department of Health and Hospitals' Office for Addictive Disorders, Compulsive and Problem Gambling Fund, which receives revenue from the gambling industry.

#### Tax glitch fixed

MA BOSTON — Early birds trying to file their tax returns electronically by phone found themselves asked to pay double their taxes for double their sales. The computer problem was fixed, state officials said, and the system is up and running again.

#### **Bad online scores**

DENVER — Students from kindergarten to 12th grade who take online courses in Colorado are performing worse than statewide averages, according to a state report.

Online students were forced to repeat grades four times more often than the statewide average last year, and a higher percentage were rated "unsatisfactory" on standardized math tests, according to Colorado Department of Education figures.

Online school operators defended their programs, saying they draw a high number of students who failed in traditional schools.

#### Restoration approved

LIHUE — The Kauai Planning Commission approved a \$200 million restoration of the famed Coco Palms Resort. Developer Richard Weiser said he plans to restore the hotel, closed since 1992, to the look it had in the 1950s and 1960s. The resort was used as a set in the 1961 Elvis Presley movie "Blue Hawaii."

#### **Building drug bust**

ROCHESTER — Police are investigating drug activity at an Academy Street apartment house and arrested five people this weekend.

Two people living in one of the apartments were arrested along with a third person visiting the home. Two others were arrested they left the building. Three of those arrested face drug-related charges. Two were arrested on warrants stemming from other CASES.

Police said they recovered an undisclosed quantity of prescription painkillers and drug paraphernalia. Storles and photos from The Associated Press

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Politics drives retired brass?

I seemed to have read the letter "Gonza les not right fit for GIs" (Jan. 25) in other newspapers and online in the past couple of weeks, which makes me wonder why retired Marine Brig. Gen. David Brahms and several other [retired] generals and admirals wrote to Stars and Stripes. They appear to have some valid concerns. However, more questions come up in my mind as to why the writers believe the way they do.

In my time in the Marine Corps I served in artillery, infantry and tank battalions, and as an aide to a two-star general. Often the aide is the confidant to the general, and you hear some interesting ideas dealing with war, politics and personal goals. My assessment is that, when the eagles come off and the stars go on, the politician arises in the general. So here are some of the questions I have for the writers:

■ Are enemy combatants without uniforms, murdering indigenous people and soldiers, not representing an anarchist coun try, and thus not covered by the Geneva Con-

ventions? ■ Have you all served in combat situations and/or units where that moral character has to decide what to do for accomplishment of the mission, and the troops' welfare? Some of you have, some of you haven't. based on résumés I have seen online.

■ By having a group of you sign this letter, would you say you are speaking for the majority or a select few retired generals?

Could it be that you are motivated to write by your political affiliations? What political parties have you voted for in the past?

■ I'm only a fifth-grade Department of Defense Dependents Schools teacher, who is a retired Marine officer, so please help me on this one: In your summary/conclusion it appears you are addressing senators. If so why write to Stars and Stripes? Why not instead write an encouraging letter to the men and women in Afghanistan and Iraq to have the moral courage to do what is right despite what oftentimes can be what some may feel are gray situations? I'm sure would appreciate retired generals thinking of them, and encouraging them to do the right thing — whether doing natrols in Fallujah or guarding prisoners in deten-

James Clark Butzbach, Germany

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#### Lawsuit addresses higher-ups

In "Where were prison supervisors?" (Jan. 24), the letter writer questioned how it was possible for a junior enlisted reservist to be solely responsible for crimes committed at Abu Ghraib prison.

He wondered if there would be "any senior-level personnel in positions of responsibility courts-martialed and serving sentences," or whether the U.S. government would accept the explanation of "I wasn't aware of these actions under my command."

The New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights had the same concern. Last month the center and Berlin's Republican Lawyers' Association filed a complaint with the federal German prosecutor's office against Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, former CIA Director George Tenet, Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence Steven Cambone, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, Brig. Gen. Janis L. Karpinski and other military officers who served in positions of responsibility in Iraq. The lawsuit accuses them of war crimes and torture in connection with detainee abuses at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison

In a public statement, the center ex-plained that because the U.S. Congress had





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#### raib abuses, it had chosen Germany to file its complaint because of that country's Code of Crimes Against International Law. This code grants German courts universal jurisdiction in cases involving war crimes or crimes against humanity. Military or civilian commanders failing to prevent their subordinates from committing such acts can be held liable under this law. The prosecutor's office in Karlsruhe reportedly is examining the 170-page complaint to see if an investiga-

"failed" to seriously investigate the Abu Gh-

As a result Rumsfeld will not be attending the 40th Munich Security Conference next month, and he has informed the German government of his cancellation.

tion is warranted.

I fully agree when the letter writer said, "You can delegate authority, but you can't delegate responsibility."

Those responsible at the highest levels must be punished, also,

Edwin Thornburg Würzburg, Germany

#### New Navy uniform a mistake

The Navy is suffering from dysfunctional leadership, as evidenced by the recent Task Force Uniform initiative designed to change the E-6 and below Navy uniform to a Marine Corps look-alike. The master chief petty officer of the Navy is doing this to appease the junior enlisted members in the hopes that it will improve morale.

The Task Force Uniform concept is a mistake from the start — by using surveys and polls to choose a uniform. What is popular now may well be unpopular in the near future. Then what? Initiate another Task Force Uniform and start more surveys and polls only to change the uniform

The Navy should stick with the uniform it has. Pride in wearing the uniform doesn't come by changing a uniform. Pride comes from within. As a junior enlisted I didn't complain about my Navy uniform - I made sure I was "squared away" by wearing embroidery when it wasn't mandatory, maintaining my physical fitness, body fat and weight and using plenty of starch for military-style creases I never had a desire to wear the Marine

uniform. If I did. I would have joined the Marine Corps Chief Petty Officer Bernard M. Burawski

Altamonte Springs, Fla.







### OPINION

### What newspapers are saving at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates

#### Bush put big picture into words Chicago Tribune

At his [second] inaugural, President Bush spoke to a nation where political divisions run deep, a nation at war, a nation where many of its citizens sharply question the wisdom of his leadership.

The president acknowledged that divi-sion, but he also delivered a stirring reminder that there are values — democracy, liber-ty, freedom and opportunity — that unite

Those are not mere words. They are words that dictate actions, words that carry consequences, words that can bring change
— and pain. "America's vital interests and

our deepest beliefs are now one," Bush said. The speech was notable for what Bush did not say. He did not mention Iraq. He said nothing of Iran, North Korea or other na tions that threaten the world with their nuclear ambitions. He didn't have to.

For as surely as the Cold War was a contest between two ideologies - capitalism and communism - so too is the current war on terror a battle of beliefs. In this war, America fights an enemy that cherishes fear over liberty, that fights fiercely to maintain the ability to repress women and minorities that slaughters innocents in a campaign to deny citizens the right to vote freely

Inaugural speeches sometimes rise to his tory. Here is a prayer that Bush's words live beyond the moment, and that the next four years are defined not by divisions, but by the values that all Americans share.

#### No one could rival Carson The (Carlisle, Pa.) Sentinel

Carnac the Magnificent, Art Fern, host of the "Tea Time Movie." Floyd R. Turbo, con-cerned citizen. And dear, sweet, lovable Aunt Blabby.

All of these were characters played by Johnny Carson, the record-setting host of "The Tonight Show" who died Sunday at age 79. But Carson won't be remembered for the roles so much as he will be remembered for being himself

As a fan and a student of comedy, he cham pioned the people who could make him laugh. The simple device of inviting a young standup comic over to the desk inste cutting to a commercial was Carson's stamp of approval — and one that seldom escaped his audience's notice.

Competing TV networks coveted Carson's audience, and it's a tribute to him that they could never carve out much of a slice of it for long. From Joey Bishop to Merv Griffin, from Dick Cavett to Chevy Chase, from Pat Saiak and Joan Rivers to Arsenio Hall, there are enough of them to create a museum of failed late-night talk show hosts.

Carson was never too hip for the heart land, never too uncool for the coasts. Despite his occasional fights with the network to raise his pay, shorten the program and bring in guest hosts more often, he never seemed tired of the show and he always made it look

#### Keep moderation in mind The Seattle Post-Intelligencer

President Bush's second term inevitably change America's domestic policies. His legacy and the country's future will be brightest if he makes balance his watch

That means resisting any urge to remake society along the lines of the most conserva tive Republican ideology. Such overreach could threaten long-standing social safety net supports and deepen cultural divisions without re-establishing the middle-class strengths that have built this country.



If Bush follows a moderate course, however, he will give the country opportunities to build on the individual virtues about which he so deeply cares while maintaining reason-able levels of social support and cohesion. . . .

After a first term marked by tax cuts and deficits. Bush has an obligation to follow through on promises to reduce the flow of red ink. One test of leadership will be to limit the deficits without damaging housing. education and low-income health care. ..

Rather than bemoaning the differences be-tween Washington, D.C., and Austin, Texas, he needs to take responsibility for creating more common ground. Nothing would help more than big doses of moderation, balance and compassionate policymaking

#### Also cure what ails recipients Journal Star, Peoria, Ill.

The father in your neighborhood who develoned Lou Gehrig's disease at age 33 collects a Social Security check if he can no longer work. So do the young mother dis-abled by multiple sclerosis, the 55-year-old former hospital aide whose back gave out after too many years of lifting patients, and the 22-year-old with Christopher Reeve's

limitations but not his money.

You might call individuals such as these the silent minority of Social Security recipients. Unable to work when things get lean often burdened by high medical (and sometimes by high caretaking) bills, sometimes raising children, too young to have invested much, they may be the program's most vulnerable. As the nation ponders the future of Social Security, we need to hear, and to talk, much more about them. ...

Yet the disability side of the Social Security program has been largely forgotten in our obsession with the retirement side....

As this suggests, nothing about Social Se curity reform is simple. There is great risk of hurting badly those struck down early, be fore they have a chance to revel in what Wall Street might endow. No reform should pass. or be proposed, that shortchanges the most

#### New telecom plan should stay The Philadelphia Inquirer

With radio shock-jock Howard Stern cheering [the Jan. 21] announcement that Michael Powell is resigning, the Federal Communications Commission chairman's 15 minutes in the public spotlight appears to be nearing its end. But it won't be Powell's tussle with Stern over potty-mouthed, on-air performances — nor his agency's crack-down after Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" - that forms his legacy.

Rather, it is Powell's policymaking across a range of mind-numbingly complex communications issues that are noteworthy.

When he was right — as on promoting an unfettered Internet, and online phone and wireless services - he was a trailblazer. When wrong - as when Powell championed misguided media mergers and a backward step on local phone competition — he was far off-base.

Powell leaves in March. His successor doesn't have to achieve the same high profile, much less prompt a Stern rant. An ear for consumers' concerns on all telecom is sues - at least as attentive as the FCC under Powell has been to industry — will be wel-

#### Reconfigure reservist equation The Buffalo (N.Y.) News

The "wave of steel" that rolled through the Iraqi desert is corroding in the swamp of occupation and insurgency, and America's citizen-soldiers are paying a high price for that. With reserves now making up 40 percent of American Army forces in Iraq and Kuwait - and heading toward 50 percent the Pentagon's Army Reserve chief is right to warn that this force could soon be broken.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld owes the country and its servicemembers an explanation for that disproportionate commitment of reserve forces, instead of better redeployment of the nation's sizable active-duty military force. While today's reserves are better trained and equipped than their predecessors, Rumsfeld's refusal to admit a need for more active-duty deployments is placing a huge burden on the nation's part-time soldiers. .

The demands being made on reservists already are hurting recruitment and retention, making it more difficult for these units to meet their mandated missions. Worse, the inability to retain soldiers could lead to less-experienced, less-capable units being sent in harm's way.

There simply is no excuse for the fact that reservists, despite being as well trained as any in this country's history, make up nearly half the Army in the Middle East. ...

America's combination of volunteer regular forces and skilled reserves has been a good one, but this administration's miscalculations in Iraq have now put it at risk

#### Schiavo's fate not state's call The Palm Beach Post West Palm Beach, Fla.

[Florida] Gov. [Jeb] Bush dangerously involved the state in the dispute over Terri Schiavo's life. That dispute isn't over, but thanks to the [U.S.] Supreme Court, the state is out of it.

On Monday, the justices declined to hear the governor's appeal of September's unani-mous Florida Supreme Court ruling that struck down "Terri's Law."

Facing pressure from groups on abortion and physician-assisted suicide, leg-islators wrote "Terri's Law" strictly for Ms. Schiavo, and the governor signed it. In so doing, the legislative and executive branch-es unconstitutionally tried to block an order by the judicial branch that they didn't like

Ms. Schiavo's case got into the courts be cause she, like many Floridians, did not have a living will. If the Legislature wishes to change the state's death-and-dying laws to address such cases, the Legislature can do so. But that will be a different debate.

There is almost certainly no satisfying outcome to the tragedy that has become the Terri Schiavo case but, because of the state Supreme Court and now the U.S. Supreme Court, it at least may be an isolated case.

#### Graner still doesn't get it The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch

The conviction and 10-year sentence for U.S. Army Spc. Charles Graner Jr., ringleader of the prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib pris-on in Iraq, should make clear that the United States has not abandoned common decency in the effort to eradicate terrorism.

Graner's sentence also reduces his rank to private and orders him dishonorably discharged from the military after he completes his sentence.

He was found guilty of beating prisoners, ordering them stripped naked and stacked into pyramids, forcing them into simulated sex acts and photographing them.

The harsh punishment is suitable for a soldier who still has demonstrated little understanding that his actions disgraced the Army and the nation.

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9:00 Classical Music:

Chopin's Polonaise-fan-taisie/Beethoven's taisie/Beethoven's Piano Concerto in E Major Op. 73 (piano: Takahiro Sonoda)(3) 9:00 U.S. Movie (1990): Die Hard 2 (1:54)(10)

11:30 Friends (42) 12:15 2005 World Speed-skating Champion-12:15 2005 World Speed-skating Champion-ships (8) 12:47 World Travelogue: Silk Roads/River Rhine/England/Italy (1)(r)

(1)(r) 1:25 World Volleyball (6) 1:55 NFL Digest (8) Morning 10:25 Korean Drama: Sar Doo! Let's Go School O.S.T. (4) MON, JAN. 31 Afternoon 12:30 CSI: Crime Scene In-

Morning 10:00 Korean Drama: A Wish Upon A Star (4) Afternoon 12:30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (12)

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1:30 U.S. Movle (1996): Up Close & Personal (2:00)(12)

(2:00)(12)

Evening 6:55 Soccer: Kirin Challenge Cup – Japan vs.

bibb Soccer: Kirin Chai-lenge Cup — Japan vs. Syrla (6) 7:00 News (1) 7:00 I Love Oliver Beene (3)(r) 7:25 Simple Rules (3) (2:00)(12) 5:50 News (6) **Evening** 7:00 News (1) 10:00 News (1) 10:00 Nikita (42) Music: 2:01 Cla 2:01 Classical Music: Haydn/Beethoven/Sa tie (3) 3:45 Classical Music (1)(r)

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vestigation (12) 1:30 U.S. Movie (1994): Wolf (2:00)(12) 5:50 News (6)

Evening 7:00 News (1) 7:30 What I Like About You

7:30 What I LIKE ADOUT YOU (3) 8:00 The Simpsons (42) 10:00 News (1) 12:55 Ultimate Fighting (6) 3:06 Classical Music: Chopin/Handel (3)(r)

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vestigation (12) 1:30 U.S. Movie (1989): The Fabulous Baker Boys (2:00)(12) 5:50 News (6)

(3)(r) 7:25 Simple Rules (3) 10:00 News (1) 10:00 America's Top 40 (42) 1:59 Spanish-U.S. Movie (1997): Death on Gran-ada/Lorca (2:16)(4) 3:06 Classical Music: Chopin/Liszt (3)(r) 3:09 TV Series: Bull (6)

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Morning 6:45 Between the Lions (3) 6:45 Between the Lions (3) 7:30 Disney (12) 10:25 Korean Drama: Sang-Doo! Let's Go To School O.S.T. (4) **Afternoon** 1:30 U.S. Movie (2002): American Gun (2:00)(12)

Evening 7:00 News (1)

U.S. Movie (2002): Cube 2: Hypercube (2:00)(12) (2:00/12) 10:00 News (1) 1:35 Football CX: Serie A/Premier/Liga Di-gest (8) 1:59 NFL Club (4) 2:29 Code Name: ETERNI-

2:29 Code Name: ETERN TY (4) 2:37 Best Hits U.S.A. (10) 3:06 Classical Musi Dvorak/J. Strau: (3)(r)

FRI, FEB. 4

Morning 6:00 Wake Up! 8:00 Makes A Video: Camron Morning 7:30 Disney (12) Morn-7-730 Disn'ey (12.7 Afternoon 5:50 News (6) Evening 7:00 New's (1) 8:30 Planet Rugby (42) 9:00 Football Mundial (42) 9:03 U.S. Movie (1998): The Mask of Zorro Rule 9:00 Rock On 9:30 Sove

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4:30 Between...
Evening
7:00 News (1)
7:00 U.S. Movie (1994): Immortal Beloved

(2:15)(42) 9:00 Korean Movie (2002): Phone (1:54)(8) 12:45 E.R. VIII (1) 1:40 World Cup Ski Jump in Hokkaido (1)

(42) an Movie (2002):

kkaido (1) British-U.S.-Italian '- (1998): B.

ovie (1998): oney (1:59)(6)

10:00 Rocks 11:00 YATAI Afternoon 12:00 DX: Jennifer Lopez Spe-cial 3:00 Making the Video: Ja Rule Mask of Zorro (1:51)(4) 10:00 News (1) 2:30 Hong Kong Movie (2000): Tokyo Raiders

3:30 Screen 4:00 JAPAN.COM News Chart Top 20 (8) 2:40 CBS Documentary (6) 2:55 U.S. Movie (1995): Iron Eagle 5 (1:45)(10) 3:10 U.S. Movie (1989): The Road Home (1:50)(12) Evening 6:00 World Chart Express

6:00 World Chart Express
Powered by Honda
8:00 U.S. Top 20 with Super
Dry
10:00 Sonic Mania Performing Artist Special
12:00 Top Choice
1:00 Live Special: The Chemistry
1:30 Live
7:00 Classic '90s Afternoon
1:00 Traditional Arts of Japan: Noh & Kyogen
(3)
3:00 Toray Pan Pacific Open Tennis 2005 (6)
4:30 Between the Lions (3)

2:00 Classic '90s 3:00 Fresh 3:30 After Hours

MON, JAN. 31 Morning 6:00 Wake Up! 7:00 M Size Frida 8:00 Top Choice 10:00 Pure Music 11:00 Top Choice Afternoon 12:00 Rocks

Money (1:59)(6)
2:20 Japan Pro Boxing (4)
3:20 NFL Football (4)
3:20 U.S. Movie (1993):
Scorned/A Woman Scorned (1:43)(12)
1:00 Classic
1:30 Top Choice
5:00 Music Dow
Top 10 enload Chart 3:00 Fresh 3:30 After Hours

SUN, JAN. 30 Evening 6:00 M Size Monday 7:00 U.S. Top 20 with Super WED, FEB. 2 Dry 9:00 i-Catch 9:30 Top Choice 10:00 Rocks

Morning 6:00 Wake Up! 7:00 M Size Tuesday 8:00 Top Choice 10:00 Pure Music 11:00 Top Choice 10:00 ROCKS 11:00 Live 12:00 Classic '90s 1:00 M Size Monday 2:00 Making the Video: Ja Rule 2:30 Check the Rhyme 3:00 Fresh 3:30 After Hours

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1:00 M Size Wednesday 2:00 Rock On 1:00 Classic 1:00 M Size Wedi 1:30 Top Choice 2:00 Rock On 2:00 Pure Music 2:30 Classic 3:00 Top Choice 3:00 Fresh 5:00 JAPAN.COM News Chart Top 10

Top 10
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Charlotte
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Morning 6:00 Wake Up! 7:00 M Size Wed 8:00 Top Choice 10:00 Pure Music 11:00 Top Choice

12:00 2\$Bill 1:00 Makes A Video: Good Charlotte 1:30 Top Choice 2:00 Pure Music 3:00 Top Choice

5:00 Sounds Chart Top 10 Evening 6:00 M Size Thursday 7:00 YATAI 8:00 Pimp My Ride 8:30 America or Busted 9:00 Soul'd Out Special 9:30 Top Choice 10:00 Pimp My Ride 10:30 Consensus: Marilyn

11:00 Screen 11:30 Pure Music 30 Pure Music 00 U.S. Top 20 with Super Dry 2:00 M Size Thursday 3:00 Fresh 3:30 After Hours

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6:00 Wake Up! 7:00 M Size Thursday 7:00 M Size Thursday 8:00 Top Choice 10:00 Pure Music 11:00 Top Choice Afternoon 12:00 Classic 90s 1:00 Screen 1:00 Screen 1:00 Consensus: Marilyn 1:00 Consensus: Marilyn 1:00 Pure Music 3:00 Top Choice 5:00 Japan Chart Top 10 Evening Evening 6:00 M Size Friday 7:00 Rocks 8:00 2\$Bill 9:00 Winter Style in Kandat-

9:30 Top Choice 10:00 Screen 10:30 Makes A Video: Good Charlotte
11:00 World Chart Express
Powered by Honda Powered by H 1:00 YATAI 2:00 M Size Friday 3:00 Fresh 3:30 After Hours

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#### SUN. JAN. 30

Morning 8:15 U.S. Movie (2002): Moonlight Mile

Evening 10:00 British Movie (1992): The Crying Game (2:00) Game (2:00) 0 Pro Boxing: WBA Super Bantam weight Title Match - Mahyar Mon shipour vs. Yoddamrong Sithyod

thong 4:55 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola

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Afternoon 12:00 TV Series: Third Watch 1:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Critical Assem-

Afternoon

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COUNTY CO 3:00 Australian Open Tennis: Final (r)

TUE, FEB. 1

Morning 6:00 The Beat File: Sting /:30 Oswald No. 26 8:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Live from Baghdad (1:50)

dad (1:50)

\$50 British-French Movie (2002):

Long time Dead (1:35)

11:30 TV Series: Friends the Final
No. 225

Whate Rider (1:54)

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9:50 U.S. Movie (2002): Gale Force Afternoon (1:40) 12:00 TV Series: Friends the Final 1:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Beyond Bor-No. 224 ders (2:10)

100 U.S. Movie (2003): Beyond Borders (2:10)
3:10 U.S. Movie (2003): Terminator 3:
Rise of the Machines (1:50)
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5:00 Cowald No. 26
5:00 Sanalish Soccer Liga Española (r)
8:00 TV Series: Dawson's Creek
9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Socen livestigation — Miami 2
10:00 U.S. Movie (1974); Alice Doesn't
Ue Here Anymore (1:54)
12:00 The Beat File: Alicia Keys

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7:30 Oswald No. 27 8:00 U.S. Movie (1974): The Godfather Part II (3:25) 11:30 TV Series: Friends the Final No. 226 ld No. 27

3:00 U.S. Movie (2003): S.W.A.T. (2:00) 5:30 Oswald No. 27

5:30 OSWala No. 27 Evening 6:00 U.S. Movie (1959): Ben-Hur (3:45) 10:00 Danish Movie (2003): Dogville (3:00) (3:00) 1:00 Danish Movie (2003): Dogville

Confessions (1:00) 4:30 South Park No. 103 5:30 French-Belgian-Luxemburg Movie (1998): Kińkou et la Sor-ciere (1:20)

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Morning 7:30 Oswald No. 28 9:40 U.S. Movie (2003): 2 Fast 2 Furi-ous (1:50) Ous (1:50) 11:30 TV Series: Friends the Final No. 227

Afternoon
12:00 TV Series: Third Watch
3:50 French-Japanese Movie
15:00 TV Series: Third Watch
3:50 French-Japanese Movie
15:30 Oswald No. 28
7:50 U.S. Movie (1967): Cool Hand
Luke (2:10)
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18:

12:05 South Park No. 106 1:00 U.S. Movie (1982): An Officer and a Gentleman (2:10) a 10 Pro Boxing: Pro Boxing: WBA Super Bantamweight Title Match — Mahyar Monshipour vs. Yod-damrong Sithyodthong (r)

FRI, FEB. 4 Morning 11:30 TV Series: Friends The Final No. 228

12:00 TV Series: Third Watch 1:00 U.S. Movie (1996): The Cruicible

3:10 U.S. Movie (2002): Harry Pott and the Chamber of Secre (2:44)

vening 3:00 U.S. Movie (1990): Dick Tracy (1:48)

(1:48) 2:00 U.S. Movie (2001): Gosford Park (2:20) 4:20 British-Italian Movie (2000): Gior-gio Armani: A Man for All Sea-sons (1:20) 1:20) Movie (1952): Limeliaht

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Morning 8:00 TV Series: Dawson's Creek 9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Inves-tigation — Miami 2 10:30 U.S. Movie (1986): The Color of Money (2:10) Afternoon 12:40 U.S. Movie (1996): Jerry Maguire

12:40 U.S. Movie (1996): Jerry Maguire (2:20) 3:00 U.S. Movie (1988): Rain Man (2:22) Evening 10:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Ballistic: Ecks v.S. Sever (1:35) 13:56 Making of "The Bourne Suprem-acy" 12:00, TV. Series: Friends the Final

No. 229 12:40 TV Series: Sex and the City 1:20 Austrian Movie (2001): Nachtfal-1:20 Austrian Movie (2001): Nachtfal-ter (1:25) 2:45 U.S. Movie (2003): Board Heads

(1:35) 4:20 U.S. Movie (2003): Deep Shock (1:35) 5:55 Spanish Soccer Liga Española

#### JAPAN TV (BS7/NHK SATELLITE) (BILINGUAL AND SPORTS) 6:10 PGA Golf: Bob Hope Chrysler

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Morning 6:10 PGA Golf: Bob Hope Chrysler 8:10 World News 9:10 What's On Japan (r)

Afternoon 12:10 CNN News 12:20 Weekly NFL 5:10 X-Games (r) 5:50 CNN News

5:50 CNN News
Evening
7:10 Figure Skating GP Series 2004:
Best Selection: Women's Singles
8:10 Figure Skating GP Series 2004:
Best Selection: Men's Singles
12:10 2005 World Alpine Skiling Championship: Women's Super G
1:10 CNN News
7:30 BS Soorts Weekly (r)
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1:10 CNN News 1:20 BS Sports Weekly (r) 2:10 Bicycle Track World Cup (r) 3:10 X-Games (r) 4:10 Railway Adventure Across U.S.A 5:00 PGA Golf 5:40 Football Mundial

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# 1:40 X-Games 2:15 Asian News 3:35 World Amazing Sports 4:15 Asian News 5:15 World News TUE. FEB. 1

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11:10 CNN Nets Afternoon 12:15 What's On Asia (r) 2:15 ABC News 3:15 CNN News 4:15 World News 5:15 Asian News

Morning 9:15 World News 10:10 BS Documentary: U.S. Journal-ism and Iraqi War (r)

11:15 CNN News

Classic — Final kouriu 8:30 World News 9:15 World News 10:10 BS Documentary: Rumsfeld and Defense Department (r) 11:10 CNN News Afternoon 12:15 CNN News 2:15 PBS NewsH 3:15 CNN News 4:15 World News 5:15 Asian News

Evening 6:15 CNN News 9:15 Economic

10:10 BS Documentary: Tanker Acci-dent and Fuel Leak 11:15 NBA Magazine 12:10 PGA Golf: Turtle Bay Champion-Evening 6:15 CNN News 9:15 Economic News 10:10 BS Documentary: Eradication of

ship 1:00 2005 World Alpine Skiing Champi-onship: Men's Super G (r) 2:15 Asian News 3:35 World Amazing Sports 4:15 Asian News 5:15 World News

Polio 11:10 PGA Golf: Bob Hope Chrysler

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9:15 World News 10:10 BS Documentary: Reconstruc-tion of Ground Zero (r)

11:15 CNN News

3:15 CNN News 4:15 World New 5:15 Asian News Evening 6:15 CNN News

9:15 Economic News

10:10 BS Documentary: Development
of New Drugs
11:15 NBA: Detroit Pistons vs. Washington Wizards
1:10 2005 World Alpine Skling Championship: Women's Super G (r)

3:35 World Amazing Sports

#### THU, FEB. 3

9:15 World News 10:10 BS Documentary: War Dead in Iraq (r) 11:15 CNN News

Afternoon 12:15 CNN News 2:15 PBS NewsHo 3:15 CNN News Evening 6:15 CNN News

9:15 Economic News
10:10 BS Documentary: Privatization
10:10 BS Documentary: Privatization
11:15 Blong: Track: World Cup: 3rd
Round in Manchester (r)
2:10 2005 World Alpine Skiling Championship: Men's Downhill/Salom
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9:15 ECONOMIC News 10:10 World Reports 11:15 NFL Super Bowl Preview 12:10 2005 World Alpine Champio ship: Women's Slalom Combine 3:15 Asian News

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Morning 8:10 World News 9:10 World News 10:10 World Reports (r) 11:10 History of FIFA (r) 11:50 CNN News

Afternoon 12:00 NFL Super Bowl Preview (r) 1:03 Men's Volleyball V-League: JT Thunders vs. Trefuerza Toyoda

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10:00 Classical Music: NHK Symphony Orchestra Concert (conductor:

orchestra Concert (conductor: Vladimir Ashkenazy)

Evening
7:00 NHK News
8:00 French Movie (2001); Le Fabuleux
Destin d'Amelle Poulain (2:05)
12:30 Classical Music: Classic Documentary: Pianist, Alfred Brendel

#### JAPAN TV (BS11/NHK SATELLITE) (BILINGUAL, SPORTS, MOVIES AND MUSIC)

#### SUN, JAN. 30 2:30 U.S. Movie (1997): Angels in the Endzone (1:30)

Evening 7:00 NHK News

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sical Music: Shinichi Fuku-pardo Fernandes (guitar

fair (1:5u)
Evening
7:00 NHK News
8:00 U.S. Movie (2001): The Wedding
Planner (1:50)
10:00 TV Series: ER IX (r)

10:00 TV Series: ERTA (F)
12:00 Tranian Movie (1999): Les Contes de Kish (1:13)
1:13 U.S. Movie (1993): Theremin: An
Electronic Odyssey (1:22)

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2:00 U.S. Movie (1950): September Af-fair (1:50) 10:00 Classical Music: Mika Sato Piano Recital

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Morning
10:00 Classical Music: The Dresden
Kreuzchor (r)

Morning
10:00 Classical Music: Shanghai Quartet Concert (r)
40:00 Classical Music: Shanghai Quartet Concert (r)
9:30 Aerob

Afternoon
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Afternoon 3:00 Inside the Actor's Studio: Martin Scorsese

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Evening 7:90 NHK News 7:30 62nd Golden Globe Awards 1:10 British Movie (1996): The Bryl-creem Boys (1:45)

#### AM WEEKLY RADIO

#### JAPAN — KANTO

EAGLE 810

Morning (Si 7:05 Religious

7:05 Religious Programming 9:00 Eagle 810 Sunday Brunch (Smooth Jazz) 12:00 American Country Countdown 4:00 A Prairie Home Companion

Evening 6:00 Focus on the Family

6:30 Travel Radio 7:00 Dr. Laura

7:00 Dr. Laura 8:00 Beale Street Caravan 9:00 Pure Gold (Oldies) 12:00 Z-Rock (Alternative)(Mon-Fri)

1230 Z-NOCK (Atternlative)(Mon-Fr)
2:00 Sports Overnight America
4:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation LIVE (Tue-Fri)
4:00 NPR on the Media (Mon)
5:00 NPR Living on Earth (Mon)
Morning (Mon-Fri)
6:00 Eagle 810 Morning Show (Contemporary
Hits)

200 Mighe Sul Worning show (Contemporary 7-37 Paul Harvey News and Commentary 7-20 Pacific Report 7-24 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story 7-38 Eagle 810 News 7-30 Zama Commander's Corner (1st Friday) Yokota Commander's Corner (2nd & 4th Fri-day) 1000 Retro Calé (70s, 80s, 90s)

10:00 Retro Catle (105, bus, bus, bus, and Afternoon 12:05 Pacific Report 12:07 Paul Harvey News and Commentary 12:21 Air Force Radio News 12:21 Air Force Radio News 20:00 Traffic Jamz. (Current Chart Hits) 4:05 Pacific Report 4:07 AFN Sportspage 4:12 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story 4:12 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story

Evening 6:00 From the Bench Live Sports (Wed)

7:00 NPR's Morning Edition LIVE Yokosuka Commander's Corner (1st & 3rd

Seo Resk Limbaugh 9:00 The Touch (Urban): Mon/Country: 10:00 The Touch (Urban): Mon/Country: Tue/Pure Gold (Oldies): Wed/Mock of (Urban): Frile 2:00-2:00 Seoks; Thu/The Touch (Urban): Frile 2:00-2:00 Seoks (Alternative): 2:00 Seoks (Alternative): 2:00 Seoks (Alternative): 2:00 Seoks (Memarku): Morning (Sal): 6:00 NPRS All Things Considered LIVE 8:05 Ar Talk 1:00 NPRS All Things Considered LIVE 8:05 Ar Talk 1:00 NPRS All Things Considered LIVE 8:05 Ar Talk 1:00 NPRS All Things Considered LIVE 8:05 Art Talk 1:00 NPRS All Things Ar

8:05 Car Talk 9:00 Kim Komando 10:00 Classic Rock

Afternoon 12:00 Rick Dees Weekly Top 40 4:00 Z-Rock (Alternative

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Evening
6:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night
7:00 The Touch (Urban)
12:00 Z-Rock (Alternative)
2:00 Sports Overnight America
4:00 Adult Contemporary

POWER 1575 Morning (Sun) 7:00 NPR: All Thin

FM WEEKLY RADIO

8:00 Rush Limbaugh

9:00 Parent's Journal 10:00 Chef's Table 11:00 Sports Overnight America Afternoon 12:00 Adult Rock 4:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)

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Evening
7:00 Hot AC
10:00 The Touch (Urban)
12:00 The Touch (Urban)
12:00 The Touch (Urban)
3:00 Pure Gold (Oldies)
Morning (Mon-Fri)
6:00 Morning Air Strike
6:30 Paul Harvey News
7:10 Horoscope
7:30 Inside Iwakuni Radio News
8:30 Rest of the Story

8:30 Rest of the Story 8:35 David Letterman/Leno

8:35 David Letterman/Leno 9:00 Country Call Up 10:00 Bright AC/Golden Oldies (Fri) 11:00 Urban Assault 11:00 Urban Assault

Afternoon
1:00 Z-Rock/Golden Oldies (Fri)
2:00 The Afterburner
2:30 Inside Iwakuni Radio News
2:34 Rest of the Story

2:36 Pacific Report 3:30 Paul Harvey News 3:40 AFN Sportspage 4:00 Departure Time

Evening 6:00 NPR: Fresh Air 7:00 The Rock Show (Mon)/Old School (Thu)/The Mosh Pit (Fri) 12:00 Adult Rock 3:00 Country

3:00 Country Morning (Sat) 6:00 Pure Gold (Oldies) 10:00 Soundbarrier Afternoon 2:00 Rick Dee's Weekly Top 40 Evening
6:00 NPR: All Things Considered
7:00 The Jim Rome Show
8:00 The Touch

12:00 Z-Rock 5:00 Hot Jazz

#### JAPAN — MISAWA

THE EDGE - AM 1575

Morning (Sun) 12:00 Z-Rock 2:00 Classic Rock 4:00 Hot AC

9:00 Oldies 10:00 Hot AC Afternoon 12:00 ACC Country 4:00 Adult Rock

Evening 6:00 Prairie Home

8:00 Hot AC Morning (Mon-Thu) 12:00 Z-Rock 2:00 Classic Rock 4:00 Sports Overnite America 5:00 Rush Limbaugh

6:00 Matt in the Morning 9:00 Hot AC

Afternoon 12:00 Classic Rock 3:00 Edge Aft Evening 6:00 Country

10:00 Hot AC 10:00 Hot AC Morning (Fri) 12:00 Z-Rock 2:00 Classic Rock 4:00 Sports Overnite America 5:00 Rush Limbaugh 6:00 Matt in the Morning 0:00 Elsebback

9:00 FlashBack 11:00 Hot AC Afternoon 12:00 Classic Rock 1:00 Inside The Line 3:00 That Country Show

Evening 6:00 Classic Rock 8:00 R&B 10:00 Hot AC Morning (Sat) 12:00 Z-Rock

2:00 Classic Rock 4:00 Hot AC 6:00 Oldies 8:00 Car Talk 9:00 Saturday Retro

Afternoon 12:00 Rick Dees 3:00 Nuestra Mus 5:00 Kim Komano Evening 6:00 Jim R 7:00 Z-Rock 9:00 Hot AC

#### JAPAN — SASEBO

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THUNDER RADIO 1575
Morning (Sunday)
12:00 Top 40
4:00 Soft Hits
7:00 Religious Programming
10:00 Focus on the Family
10:30 The Environmental Show
11:00 Savvy Traveler Afternoon 12:00 American Country Countdown 4:00 Ton 40

4:00 Top 40
Evening
6:00 Classic Rock
9:00 Z Rock
Morning (Mon-Fri)
12:00 Soft Hits 3:00 Oldies 5:00 Oldles 5:00 Rush Limbaugh 6:00 Morning Drive 9:00 Country

Afternoon 12:00 "The Jam" with Nikki V. (Mon, Wed and 12:00 Urban Music (Tue and Thu) 3:00 "The Rush" Evening 6:00 Classic Rock 9:00 Top 40

Morning (Saturday)

4:00 rop 40 4:00 Classic Rock 7:00 All Things Considered 8:30 Best of Our Knowledge 9:00 Oldies 0:00 Oldies 10:00 Car Talk 11:00 DJ Top 40 Show (live)

Afternoon 12:00 Rick Dees American Top 40 4:00 Nuestra Musica Evening 8:00 Urban

#### KOREA

Thunder AM Morning (Sun)

Morning (Sun)
12:00 Country
5:00 NPR Weekly Edition
7:00 Bright Adult Contemporary
10:00 Nuestra Musica
Afternoon
12:00 Oldies Radio 4:00 Sports Overnight America

Evening 6:00 NPR Car Talk 7:00 Prairie Home Companion 8:00 NPR Weekend Edition Sunday 11:00 Country

Morning (Mon) 12:00 Country 5:00 NPR 7:00 Morning Repo 5:00 NPR 7:00 Morning Report 7:30 This Week with Sam & Cokie 8:00 Oldies Radio Afternoon 12:00 Noon Report

12:35 News & Views 1:00 Dr. Laura 2:00 Country 5:00 Jim Rome Show Evening 6:00 Evening Report 6:35 Sports Byline 7:00 Rush Limbau 8:00 NPR's Mornin

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12:00 Country 4:00 Sports Overnight America 4:00 Sports Overnig Evening 6:00 Country 7:00 Rush Limbaugi

8:00 Country 9:00 National Public Radio

OKINAWA SURF 648 AM Morning (Sunday) 6:00 Adult Rock (cont.

Afternoon 2:00 Sports Overnight America (live) Evening 7:00 Ben Maller & Jason Smith — Sports (live) 8:00 Adult Rock 12:00 Country

Morning (Mon) 7:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live) 8:00 Adult Rock 11:00 Jim Lampley (live) Sports

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Morning (Sat) 8:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live) 10:00 Adult Rock

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(Note: The Schedule is subject to change due to sports schedules.)

#### JAPAN — YOKOTA

FM CABLE Radio Services (On Base Only) Z-Rock (Alternative) 90.3 FM Eagle 810 (Variety) 90.7 FM National Pubic Radio (News, Talk) 91.3 FM

Bright AC (Pop) 91.7 FM Adult Rock (Classic Rock) 92.3 FM

The Touch (Urban) 92.7 FM Country 93.3 FM Pure Gold (Oldies) 93.7 FM Hot AC (Today's Hits) 94.3 FM

National Public Radio Morning (Sun) 6:00 Weekend All Things Considered

8:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night 11:00 Piano Jazz Afternoon

12:00 Beethoven Network 1:00 Weekend All Things Considered

2:00 Dialogue 2:30 Uncommon Knowledge 3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network 5:00 Jazz Profiles

Evening 6:00 Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me

7:00 A Prairie Home Companion 9:00 Weekend Edition Sunday 11:00 Justice Talking 12:00 Fresh Air Weekend

1:00 This American Life 2:00 Le Show with Harry Shearer 3:00 On the Media 5:00 Weekly Edition

Morning (Mon)

6:00 Weekend All Things Considered 8:00 The WFMT Beethoven Network Afternoon

12:00 Car Talk 1:00 Weekend All Things Considered 2:00 Fresh Air Weekend 3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network

Evening 6:00 Morning Edition 11:00 The Diane Rehm Show (call in) 12:00 The Connection (call in)

1:00 Fresh Air 2:00 Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me 3:00 Talk of the Nation (call in)

5:00 All Things Considered Morning (Tue-Fri) 7:00 The World

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9:00 The WFMT Beethoven Network

3:00 Talk of the Nation (call in) 5:00 All Things Considered Morning (Sat) 7:00 The World 8:00 Marketplace 8:30 Rewind

Afternoon 1:00 All Things Considered 3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network

5:00 WFMT Jazz Evening 6:00 Thistle & Shammek

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9:00 Weekend Edition Saturday 11:00 Car Talk (call in) 12:00 Beale Street Caravan 1:00 Weekend Edition Saturday 3:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night 5:00 National Press Club

#### KOREA

EAGLE FM Morning (Sun)

12:00 7-Pock 4:00 Bright Adult Contemporary 8:00 Christian Contemporary 9:00 Bright Adult Contemporary 10:00 Saturday Night 80's Afternoon

12:00 Bob Kingsley's Country Count-4:00 Bright Adult Contemporary

Evening 9:00 Z-Rock Morning (Mon-Fri) 12:00 7-Pock

5:00 Live Local Show (Seoul, Uijong-bu, Kunsan, Taegu and Osan) 10:00 Live Local Show (Seoul, Taegu and Osan)

1:00 Bright Adult Contemporary 3:00 Live Local Show (Korea-wide) Evening 6:00 Adult Rock

8-00 Urban Adult Contemporary

Morning (Sat) 12:00 Z-Rock 5:00 Bright Adult Contemporary 8:00 Saturday Morning Wake-up (Korea-wide) Afternoon

12:00 Bright Adult Contemporary Evening 9:00 Adult Rock

#### OKINAWA

FM - WAVE 89.1 Morning (Sun)

12:00 Adult Rock 4:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC)

Afternoon 12:00 American Country Coun 4:00 Adult Contemporary (Hot AC)
Morning (Mon-Fri) 12:00 Adult Rock 5:00 Morning Show (live) 9:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC) 11:00 Wave Break (live)

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## YOUR MONEY

# Combat pay, IRAs and other tax changes

BY MARY DEIBEL

Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — While most breaks will go to big corporations, individual taxpayers and small-business owners also will benefit this tax season from the latest changes in the federal tax law. Changes include:

State and local sales tax deductions. For the first time, taxpayers who itemize can choose to deduct their state and local sales tax instead of state and local income tax

The decision is a no-brainer for taxpayers from Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Wyoming — states with no general income tax — but the option is less clear for taxpayers elecurbers.

To see if you benefit, even if you didn't save sales receipts last year, the Internal Revenue Service has put out Publication 600. It has state sales tax tables on pages 3 to 5 and an updated version of Publication 600 is posted on the www.lrs.gov Web site to reflect sales tax changes in Arkansas, California and Virginia.

IRS Publication 600 also has a worksheet on which you figure city and county local-option sales tax on lines 2a through 2d.

Big spenders should start saving their sales receipts to document items like cars, trucks, RVs, boats and airplanes that may be subject to special state and local sales taxes over and above the general sales tax rate. Sales taxes for home construction and remodeling also warrant saving receipts.

If you move from a high-income-tax state to one that relies on sales tax, you cannot claim both the income and or sales tax deductions, but must choose between them, the IRS says. To figure which option leaves you beter off, pro-rate the number of days you spent at each place, divide by 366—the number of days in 2004—and apportion seles-tax versus income-tax rates accord-versus income-tax rates accord-

■ Car donations. These face tighter rules if made on or after Jan. 1. If you got under the wire last year, the old tax law lets you claim the Blue Book value depending on the condition of a donated vehicle worth less than \$5,000. If the ear was worth more, you need a formal appraisal to satisfy the IRS. Starting in 2005, how-

ever, you can claim only what the qualified tax-exempt charity received for selling your car, which may be auctioned for little money to a chop shop for parts.

■ Child tax credits. These credits will stay at an annual maximum of \$1,000 a child through

The credit cuts the amount of income tax parents owe dollar for dollar, and because the credit is "refundable," the credit will let some lower-income workers wipe out their tax bill AND provide them with a refund.

The tax credit may be more generous to some families although it cannot exceed \$1,000 a child. IRS Forms 1040 and 1040A include a child Credit Works sheet, and parents also must include IRS Form 8812 to figure the credit.

■ Combat pay. Combat pay isn't subject to federal income tax but can count as 2004 income for military families figuring the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Ordinarily, both credits depend on taxable income. Including combat pay for purposes of figuring tax credits ensures that low-income military families qualify. ■ Contingent fees. Court judgments to lawyers for victims of discrimination aren't taxable to the victim anymore. Standard agreements for lawyers who take a bias case generally have the fees paid directly to the lawyer without the victim seeing that money, but the IRS fought all the way to the Supreme Court to

make the victim, as well as the

lawyer pay income tax on the fee

Congress disagreed and clarified

the law.

■ Teachers. Teachers can deduct \$250 for classroom supplied under a tax break Congress renewed for 2004 and 2005 returns. Out-of-pocket expenses for chalk, books, computer software and other supplies bought by Dec. 3004, can be claimed as an above-the-line deduction even if you don't itemize.

■ Retirement accounts. Contributions increase for 2005. For tax-sheltered 401(k)-style accounts, it's too late if you didn't max out on 2004 contribution levels up to \$13,000, plus \$3,000 more for workers 50 and older. But those limits increased Jan. 1 to \$14,000 plus \$4,000 more for those \$0 and older.

Individual Retirement Account contributions, available for your

2004 tax return for contributions made through April 15, also increased. Your 2004 contributions, for both traditional tax-deferred IRAs and Roth IRAs, is \$3,000 plus \$500 more for taxpayers 50 and older.

For 2005, IRA limits are \$4,000 with a \$500 catch-up for those 50 and above.

■ Tsunami relief. Taxpayers who contribute tsunami aid to qualified domestic charities can do so with cash, check or credit card through Jan. 31, and claim the deduction on their 2004 taxes under Congress' first bill of 2005. But you cannot give in-kind contributions, appreciated stock or non-cash gifts for a 2004 tax deduction.

IRS Publication 78 offers guidance on qualified U.S. charities, as do the www.GuideStar.org and Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance www.give.org Websites

Small business breaks.

Small business owners won an extension of the Section 179 "instant" deduction allowance for instant" deduction allowance for instant own the section of the section of the
2007, with the deduction adjusted
for inflation starting in 2005. The
post-9/11 tax break was to expire
Dec. 31. 2004.

# iPod shuffle: Small in size, packed with performance

BY RON HARRIS The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Since Apple Computer Inc. introduced the iPod in 2001, competitors have been scrambling to match the simplicity and style of the popular digital music player. But try as they might, the original just keeps getting better.

The latest flavor, the diminutive iPod Shuffle, proves that fewer bells and whistles can be just as good as more.

Unlike previous models, it uses flash memory instead of a hard drive. It's also much more compact. And, starting at \$99,

much less expensive.

And despite the absence of a display to tell you what's playing, the

Shuffle's ease of use is unrivaled. It's also a solid performer with sounds that holds up against most other flash memory-based MP3 players you'll find on store shelves.

The iPod shuffle weighs less than my watch, is smaller than a pack of Trident gum and can hold 120 songs on the 512-megabyte model (\$99) and twice as much on the 1-pigabyte model (\$149).

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Visually, it's little more than a small white stick with a USB plug on one end and a headphone jack on the other. Tracks are navigated with buttons that are arranged to resemble the familiar iPod click

There's no docking cradle. No bulky battery pack. No AC adapter.

wheel.

There's really not much here except the best portable music player for the money. Paired with Apple's popular online music store — 250 million songs downloaded and counting as of Monday — this iPod shuffle could be just the low-priced entry-level player those on the sidelines have been waiting for.

The installation disc includes the latest version of iTunes music management software. Once you've got that on your computer (Windows or Mac) you

simply plug the Shuffle's USB plug directly into an available USB port on your computer and up pops your music collection, ripe for the shuffling.

And herein lies the feature that may change the way I listen to music. At the click of a new button called "Autofill" on the ITunes interface, the software automatically loads the shuffle with a random selection from my digital music library.

It was a bit of a personal revelation when I first autofilled the loaner \$12 MB model from my hearty music folder. The result? Too much Insane Clown Posse and not enough Andres Segovia. The Shuffle also grabbed some lengthy drum 'n

Product review bass mix tracks which ate up a bit too much space.

If you're not sure you want a ran-

dom mix, you can upload a specific order of songs and the unit will play them nicely. If you change your mind and want

them shuffled, a sliding switch on the back of the unit will do the trick instantly. Also on the backside of the shuffle is a battery status check light; green means plenty, amber means

tus check light: green means plenty, amber means low and red means you don't have much juice left. No light means no power. The specs say the Shuffle's rechargeable battery, juiced up by plugging it into a computer's USB port,

will last for 12 hours. It takes about 4 hours for a full charge.

After at least 3 hours of use upon first filling the Shuffle with music. I never dinned into the amber

After at least 3 hours of use upon first filling the Shuffle with music, I never dipped into the amber level once.

But there are some drawbacks.

Since there's no LCD screen on the Shuffle, there's really no way to navigate to a particular track without memorizing the order and clicking through them. That might be a bummer for some who want quick access to a particular song.

Otherwise, there's little fault to find here. For those looking for simplicity and ultra-portability, less can be more.



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The iPod shuffle is a compact and less-expensive version of the regular-sized iPod shown here. Attached to this iPod is the Simpl A1, a small but powerful amplifier that clips on to the back. The Simpl A1, from Simpl Acoustics costs \$1.49: reviewers say it does the job well. Money Talk

# Merge finances with caution

Q: I have a high FICO credit score of 785, but my husband, who was late with every bill possible, has a poor score in the 400s.

When we got married a few years ago, we bought our home using just my credit and in-come to receive a good mortgage rate. My husband's name is not on the mortgage or on the deed to the house. We were told that to preserve my score we would need to file our income taxes separately and maintain sepa-

rate credit and bank accounts. Since I've taken over paying the bills, everything's been paid on time and it seems silly to maintain the separation any longer. We'd like to combine financial forces by adding my husband's name to the deed. What would the repercussions be? How would our credit score be tallied?

A: You went a little overboard - OK, a lot overboard - trying to keep your finances sep-

How you file your taxes has nothing to do with your credit scores. Your scores, the three-digit numbers lenders use to gauge your creditworthiness, are based entirely on the information in your credit reports.

These reports typically won't contain any

tax-related information, unless you've failed to pay Uncle Sam and wound up with a tax lien or other collection action.

So if you suspect that your husband is defrauding the government, and want to try to maintain some distance, then filing separate returns makes sense. Otherwise, you've filed two returns all these years for nothing and possibly cut yourself out of some tax credits and other

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benefits available only to couples filing jointly You also could have added your husband's name to the deed years ago. You were smart to get the mortgage solely on your own credit and earning power, but there's no reason to exclude him from being on the legal document that de termines ownership of the house.

Again, this won't affect your credit What might affect his credit — for is if you were to add him as an authorized user to one of your credit cards. Some credit card compawill import your good history with that card into his credit reports.

That could help burnish his score. He should try a few things to boost his score on his own, such as getting a secured credit card and using it reg-

ularly but lightly. What you don't want to do is try to apply for credit together until score has improved considerably.

Lenders typically determine the rates and

terms of a loan using the lower score when a couple applies for credit. Right now, for example, you could qualify for a new-car loan rate of about 5 percent.

That would mean you would pay about \$2,000 in interest over four years on a \$20,000 loan. If you could get approved with your husband's scores, you would get a rate somewhere north of 14 percent and would pay nearly three times as much interest. That's too high a price to pay for togetherness.

O: I am a 23-year-old who recently received

a \$20,000 gift from my parents for a future

home down payment. I won't be ready to buy for about five years, and in the meantime I would like to put the money in a low-risk, high-liquidity investment.

I'm learning toward investing in an index mutual fund tied to the Standard & Poor's 500 benchmark of large-company stocks. Is this the best use of

my money given my intentions? A: It's almost refreshing to hear someone refer to stocks as a "low-risk" investment, reminiscent as it is of the go-go market of the late 1990s. Ah, those were the days.

But reality hasn't changed: Stocks and stock mutual funds weren't low-risk then, and they aren't low-risk now. They're no place to put money you're going to need in the next 10

Put the cash in a money market or a "laddered" portfolio of certificates of deposit (where the money is divided among

CDs that mature at different times) Then sate your desire to get into the market by contributing as much as you can to your workplace 401(k) and a Roth IRA. Invest that money in mutual funds indexed to the S&P 500, with perhaps a little bond and cash exposure on the side

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ruptcy-court protection, you begin the long journey of rebuilding your credit record. Sometimes you won't be

able to immediately get credit extended to you. Many times, though, creditors will give you a credit card or auto loan knowing that you can't file for bankruptcy again for years, credit experts said. The catch is you'll pay a high interest rate for that credit.

To get the low rates offered to other consumers, you'll have to show creditors that you are responsible. And that can take years of repaying bills on time.

One way to start the process of improving your credit record is by getting a credit card and using it for small purchases. Never charge more than you can afford. And make sure you pay the balance off

Shop around for a secured card. Some lenders charge a start-up fee, others don't, said Linus Campbell, director of ed-ucation for Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Mary-

land and Delaware. Track expenses and build up savings so an emergency expense that crops up won't throw you in a financial tailspin.

From The Baltimore Sun

#### **EXCHANGE RATES**

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### **PRECIOUS METALS**

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	Sources: The Associated Press,	Bank of

# ents and Sensibility

### Debt may not hurt score

NEW YORK - Simply having debt won't necessarily hurt your credit score

So reports Experian Consumer Direct, one of three credit agencies that monitor your financial behavior. Your credit score is an analysis of your past credit history that is used by lenders to figure out how much of a risk you are. Scores range from 300 to 850. The higher your score, the better — only those with a score of 700 or higher are eligible for a lender's best interest

In a recent study of personal debt and credit scores across the nation, Experian found that consumers with debts above the national average also tend to have better credit scores - they know how to manage their debt well. U.S. consumers have an av-erage debt of \$11,224. Yet consumers with debt exceeding that amount have an average credit score of 695, compared with the

national average score of 677.

The key in keeping your credit score high while taking on debt is to practice smart financial behavior. To avoid lowering your credit score:

■ Take care to manage your current accounts well — don't miss payments or make payments late

■ If you open new lines of credit - either for a credit card, loan or other financing careful to space out your re-quests. Asking for too much credit within a short period of time is viewed by credit reporting agencies as a sign that you might be getting in over your

■ Don't extend yourself be yond your means. So-called uni-versal default penalties allow a credit card company to increase your interest rate if a late payment shows on your credit report for any credit card account or loan or other debt involving any other company.

It doesn't matter if vou've never made a late payment to the company that wants to increase your interest rates.

Discover why



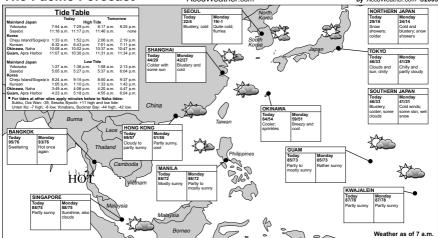
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#### **Extended Forecasts**

#### TOKYO

Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 42, low 30. Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high 43, low 26.

#### KADENA

high 59, low 51

Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 57, low 49. Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine

#### SEOUL Tuesday: Periods of clouds and

sunshine, high 17, low 2. Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 17, low 3.

#### MANILA Tuesday: Partly sunny,

high 86, low 72. Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 72.

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HAGATNA Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 85, low 75. Wednesday: Partly sunny,

high 85, low 73,

#### Friday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	52/31	Los Angeles	62/49
Amarillo	42/29	Little Rock	39/36
Anchorage	18/4	Louisville	42/30
Asheville	36/26	Miami	76/64
Baltimore	27/10	Milwaukee	30/19
Birmingham	47/38	Nashville	47/31
Bismarck	42/25	New York	24/14
Boise	46/32	Omaha	34/24
Boston	20/12	Orlando	67/56
Brownsville	72/57	Philadelphia	25/9
Buffalo	20/7	Phoenix	66/49
Burlington	12/-7	Pittsburgh	28/5
Charleston, St		Portland, OR	53/44
Charlotte	38/25	Portland, ME	21/3
Cleveland	28/10	Salt Lake City	43/32
Columbus, OF		St. Louis	39/30
Duluth	25/19	San Antonio	60/48
El Paso	58/37	San Diego	63/52
Hartford	18/-3	San Juan	84/70
Helena	42/22	Tampa	71/56
Indianapolis	34/24	Tulsa	38/28
Jacksonville	51/45	Washington, D	
Kansas City	36/26	Wichita	34/26



#### U.S. Extended Forecast

A storm system will spread some ice from eastern West Virginia to central North Carolina Sunday. A few rain and snow showers will occur over the Ohio Valley as a bit of rain falls over the rest of the Carolinas; some showers will dampen Florida. A weak cold front will push through the Great Lakes and Northeast triggering some flurries in its path. Rain will accompany a storm system moving through Texas and Oklahoma: the rain will spread into the Mississippi Valley. Some snow and sleet will mix with the rain in northern Oklahoma and Kansas. Rain and mountain snow showers will form over New Mexico and Colorado. Monday should be dry for much of the West.

#### Sunday's Pacific Temperatures

#### Sunday's World Temperatures

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Thanks to the ministrations of trainer Mark Jenkins, P. Diddy, above, got in shape for a marathon; Mary J. Blige, left, lost 30 pounds; and Beyoncé Knowles, far left, whittled her "bowling pin" body shape into an "hourglass."

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ls it true that Nicole Kidman is dating Stephen Bing, the playboy who dumped Liz Hurley while she was pregnant with his child? — Trisha McK., Irvine, Calif.

We recently asked her point-blank: "Are you dating Skive Bing?" Replied Kidman, 36: "No, 1'm not romanti-cally interested in him." The awesome Aussies said dating is difficult because her celebrity intimidates many men. Our advice to Nicole: Hold out for the best. You deserve it.

Years ago, Sen. Joe Biden had hair-implant plugs. Is that procedure still used, or do balding celebs have other options? — Randall Henry, Sacramento, Calif.

A "Plugs are out," says Dr. Paul McAndrews, whose expertise and discretion attract many high-profile hairlines. "Today's state of the art is follicular unit grafts using a stereoscopic microscope." It costs \$4,000-\$30,000. Many celebs have had transplants, but Tom Arnold and John Cleese are among the few to go public.

**Q**Garth Brooks seems to have vanished. What's happened to him? — T. Long, Mobile, Ala.

Alle's been in semi-retirement for four years — since endhing his turbulent, 14-year marriage to Sandy Mahl, mother of his three girls. Garth, 42, says he misses showbiz, but
being at home in Oklahoma with his daughters is worth it.
He says he might return when his youngest turns 18. (That
would be in 2014) Meanwhile, Garth denies rumors of a secret marriage to his longtime musical collaborator, Trisha
Yearwood, 40. If they haven't tied the knot yet, we predict
they will soon.

Rob Lowe got booted from "The West Wing," "The Lygon's Den" and "dr. vegas." Is the TV industry prejudiced against him? — Beverty Werneburg, Granada Hills, Calif. Quite the opposite. The industry has given him several

Quite the opposite. The industry has given him several Achances, but Lowe, 40, hasn't found the right vehicle since quitting "The West Wing." (He wasn't fired.) More important, the TV audience hasn't warmed up to him, so his shows got booted.

Q MBC's ratings have soared thanks to "Desperate House-wives" and "Lost." Will that boost ex-ABC President Robert Iger's chances of succeeding Michael Eisner as CEO of Disney, ABC's parent company, when Eisner retires in 2006? — Kara Ganz, Dulth, Minn.

We don't see why it should. It wasn't Iger (now Disney's Apresident) but Susan Lyne, head of ABC's prime-time entertainment schedule, who helped develop those shows before Eisner fired her. But Lyne, 54, got sweet revenge: She landed a three-year contract as president of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia and immediately sold Martha's forthcoming show to rival NBC.

QYou said Bette Davis was a better actress than Ingrid Bergman. I agree. Where does that leave Kate Hepburn?

— Robert Burns, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Ashe wasn't called Katharine the Great for nothing. Hepburn won four Oscars — a record — which says it all. But our pick for the all-time best film actress is no golden oldie. It's Meryl Streep, who already has surpassed Hepburn's 12 nominations, has won twice and, at 55, still is going strong. QYour report on Hollywood's top fitness guru made me curious: Who trains the hottest bods in the music biz? — Erik Shelton, Green Bay, Wis.

Mark Jenkins, 34, who whipped P. Diddy into shape in just eight weeks for his 44-bour finish in the 2003 New York City Marathon. He also helped Mary J. Blige take off 30 pounds and put Beyonce on a 30-day intensive regimen. "I told Beyonce we had to change her shape from a bowling pin into a houglass," says Jenkins, whose book, "The Jump Off. 60 Days to a Hip-Hop Hard Body," was published this month.

Robin Williams hasn't made a comedy since "Death to Smoochy" in 2002. Why is he avoiding his strongest suit? — Mason Lubert, Vienna, Va.

sult? — Mason Lubert, Vienna, Va.
He isn't. Williams, 53, says really great comic scripts
Are hard to find. Until one comes along, he's doing his
histrionic best — lending his voice to the animated film
"Robots" and appearing with daughter Zelda in "House of
D. "directed by David Duchovny, Both are due this sorting.

Q"M a fan of Dominick Dunne ("The Two Mrs. Grenvilles," "A Season in Purgatory"). When can we expect his next novel? — Tom Jones, South Plainfield, N.J.

A"I'm writing "A Solo Act," which I hope to have published next fall," Dunne, 79, tells us. "It's set in New York and is about money, corruption and murder." Sounds like Dunne's formula in a nutshell

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# See Hawke juggle

Fans of the 'Assault on Precinct 13' star will be seeing a lot of him this year



Rehearsals for the 20th-anniversary revival of David Rabe's lacerating Hollywood theater piece, "Hurly Burly," an ny Award best screenplay nomination for " " and jottng down notes for his next novel nation for "Before

BY STEVEN REA Knight Ridder/Tribung

'There's something kind of pleasing about working inside these genres," says Ethan Hawke, who stars as a shellshocked police sarge in the gleefully generic "Assault on Precinct 13

"It's like jazz musicians, taking a very familiar, very commercial tune — say, 'Jingle Bells' — and then you put a spin on it. You know exactly how it's going to work. You just have to riff around it."

"Jingle Bells" is a good example, since "Assault on Precinct 13" — which opened in the States last week and is a remake of John Carpenter's 1976 police station siege pic is set at the end of the Christma

holiday week, on New Year's Eve Hawke is the top gun in a virtually deserted Detroit precinct house. sharing the graveyard shift with an oversexed secretary (Drea De Matteo) and an over-the-hill beat con (Brian Dennehy) And then a bus full of bad guys — among them Laurence Fishburne, John Leguizamo and Ja Rule - is diverted to the station, and Maria Bello, who plays Hawke's character's shrink, shows up too. And Gabriel Byrne chews up a lot of scenery as a tainted police detective. And then all heck breaks loose

"I knew of John Carpenter's movie," says Hawke about the original "Assault," which had a cast led by Austin Stoker, Darwin Joston and Laurie Zimmer. (Who. who and who?) "I'd seen it when I was younger, and then I never even really watched it again."

So when director Jean-François Richet and producer-writer James DeMonaco came along, Hawke sat and talked, and then he read the script. "I was looking to do some thing fun, something that didn't take itself too seriously. I had a real good time working on 'Training Day,' and I was seeing if I 13," which recently opened in the States.

could follow up that genre. In some ways, Hawke's character, Jake Roenick, can be seen as the what-could-have-happened continuation of his "Training Day" role — the new kid riding with the rogue L.A. narc played by Denzel Washington. (Washington won an Oscar for his work in the 2001 release, and Hawke was nominated for one.) As "Assault on Precinct 13" begins, Hawke is once again undercover, consorting with dealers worried about the lives of his team.

"In a way, it could have been a sequel," he notes. "If Jake was sitting in a precinct house outside of L.A. instead of De-... it could easily be where this guy had ended up

"But all that is hindsight. Truth is, it was an entertaining script and I liked the part Hawke, 34, has a lot of things going on right now: He's in

rehearsals for the 20th-anniversary revival of David Rabe's lacerating Hollywood theater piece, "Hurly Burly, which opens in New York Jan. 27 and also stars Bobby Can-navale, Parker Posey and Wallace Shawn.

In the past two weeks, he has landed an Academy Award best screenplay nomination and a Writers Guild best

screenplay nomination - in cahoots with director Richard Linklater and Julie Delpy — for "Before Sunset," a film he and Delpy starred in that landed on many a critic's Top 10 of 2004 list. Hawke reports that he's begun to "daydream" and jot down notes for his next novel (he's published two). And he recently finished up work on "Lord of War," with Nicolas Cage, Jared Leto and Bridget Movnahan. Andrew Niccol. who cast Hawke opposite Uma Thur-man in 1997's "Gattaca," wrote and directed the tale of gun-runners in

"In a simplistic way, it's a por trait of the devil," says Hawke of the film, slated for a midyear release. "It answers the question: How do X million people die in Rwanda and in the Congo and Sierra Leone and these places? Well

somebody sells them AK-47s. Who is it that sells them? It's these guys that go to the poorest places in the world and sell arms to both sides of a dispute and then

leave town "And they make millions and millions of dollars off of other people killing each other. It's kind of a fas-

cinating expose. Hawke, who plays a U.N. official in "Lord of War." is also looking to get a pet project, "Billy Dead," off the ground. "It's based on the novel by Lisa Reardon. It's a very dark, weird little family drama ... . I've been trying to get the movie made for years, but it doesn't seem to be one that is really capturing the financiers' attention."

Starr, Lee pair for comic book adventure

And you thought he could only play the drums. Former Beatle Ringo Starr and comic book mogul Stan Lee announced a partnership Wednesday to launch an original entertainment franchise of an animated persona based on and voiced by Starr.

"Ringo is beloved worldwide for his commitment to people and his singular wit," said

Lee, the man responsible for the likes of Spider-Man and The Hulk. "Our Ringo Superhero character will combine these qualities, along with Ringo's secret powers which people generally didn't know about because he has kept them secret until now

Starr's alter ego is described as an "evil-battling, Earth-saving — though reluctant — superhero with a great sense of rhythm

Financed, produced and distributed by IDT Entertainment, Lee's

POW! Entertainment will develop the project alongside Starr's Rocca Bella company for television, DVD, publishing and other ventures.

Production on the series will begin this year, with a DVD planned for release in the beginning of 2006.



The late singer Marian Anderson, famed for her contralto voice, was honored on a U.S. postage stamp in a ceremony Thursday.

First-day of issue ceremonies for the stamp were held at DAR Constitution Hall, where the singer was once de nied a chance to perform in the 1930s because she was

"There is no one more richly deserving of such an honor "commented James DePreist director of conducting at The Julliard School in New York and Anderson's mephew.
"I hope that it will give an opportunity for there to be a

focus of attention on her, particularly her artistry," he

DePreist likened Anderson's success to that of Jackie Robinson, the first black major league baseball player.

"When history collides with what you just want to do, your career, then what happens depends on how much grace resides within you," he said.

#### Europe festival to feature Black Sabbath

Ozzy Osbourne and heavy metal pioneers Black Sabbath will be among the headliners at this year's Roskilde Festival, one of Europe's largest

music events.

Osbourne, who grew up in Bir-mingham, central England, rose to stardom with Black Sabbath in the 1970s before launching a solo ca-reer. It will be the band's sole summer festival appearance, organizers

said Wednesday.

Last year, 75,000 tickets were sold for the outdoor event, where more than 150 artists, including the Pix-ies, Morrissey, Sahara Hotnights and Avril Lavigne, performed on

Roskilde's six stages First held in 1971, the festival in Roskilde, 25 miles west of the capital. Copenhagen, was inspired by the 1969 Woodstock Festival in upstate New York. It attracts visitors from throughout Europe and the United States.



"American Bandstand" icon Dick Clark is recuperatng at home after a minor stroke put him in the hospital for more than seven weeks

Clark, 75, returned to his Malibu me Wednesday and was grateful for the many cards and letters he received during his hospital stay, publicist Paul Shefrin said.

'He was very touched by the outpouring of support, not only from the celebrity world but from the people on the streets of New York." Shefrin

For the first time in 32 years, Clark was unable to host his "New Year's Rockin' Eve" show from Times Square. Daytime talk show host Regis Philbin stood in while Clark watched from his hospital bed



Clark

During the broadcast, fans on the street held up "Get

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Well Dick" signs.



Laurence Fishburne, left, and Ethan Hawke appear in the action flick "Assault on Precinct

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AFN-Pacific/Korea, 2:30 a.m.-NBA: Hous-on at Miami. AFN radio Okinawa, Korea, 3 a.m.-NBA: Houston at Miami. AFN-Atlantic, 3:30 a.m.-College basketball: Michigan at Purdue. AFN-Spotts, 5 a.m.-Arena football: Chicago

at Dallas.

AFN-Pacific/Korea, 5:30 a.m.-College bas-vetball: Washington at Arizona State.

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AFN-Sports, 8:30 a.m.-NBA: Milwaukee at leveland. AFN-Atlantic, 9 a.m.-Women's college bas-etball: Notre Dame at Connecticut. AFN-Sports, 11 a.m.-Extreme games: Win-er X Games IX.

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Ryuji Imada
Peter Jacobsen
Tim Clark
Todd Fischer
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## **Caltex Masters** Friday At Laguna National Golf and Country Club Singapore Purse: \$1 million Yardage: 7,207 yards; Par 72 Second Round

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## **Pistons challenge Pacers' patience**

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana Pacers expected to struggle a bit after losing five players to suspensions in November.

Two months and a bunch of losses later, the team's patience is being seriously tested.

Chauncey Billups scored 20 points Thursday night as the De-troit Pistons rolled to an 88-76 victory for their second straight victory at Indiana.

I feel bad for everybody who has to watch us play. It's a tough time for us," Pacers forward Jermaine O'Neal said.

"We've got to figure a way to get out of this funk. I do believe there's going to be better days."

The Pacers have lost three straight and five of seven, drop-ping under .500 for the second time this season after losing their second straight to the Pistons since the Nov 19 brawl between Pacers players and Detroit fans.

Five Indiana players were suspended, but the Pacers were nearly back to full strength Thursday night for the first time since the November melee. It didn't help

Two players involved in the brawl, O'Neal and Stephen Jackson, carried the scoring burden for Indiana. O'Neal finished with points and nine rebounds, while Jackson had 11 points and five rebounds. The only other player in double figures was Fred Jones, who came off the bench to score 14 points.

To coach Rick Carlisle, losing a third straight game was tough. Losing again to Detroit seemed almost disheartening.

"Detroit is a big team, a tremendous team. They played really well," Carlisle said. "They've got all their guys. We couldn't match that tonight '

All five Pistons starters reached double figures. Richard Hamilton had 17 points and six as sists, while Tayshaun Prince had 16 points and seven rebounds Ben Wallace had 10 points and 11 rebounds and was booed each time he scored.



Detroit tried to take advantage of the Prince-Jackson matchup, since it was just Jackson's second game back after his 30-game suspension for the brawl.

"If anything, I wanted to get this game today, being out 30 games took its toll," Jackson said. Tve got to work harder to get back in shape.'

The Pistons also exploited another mismatch, Jamaal Tinsley Billups. Tinsley missed Wednesday night's game with the flu and was ineffective Thursday. He missed all six of his shots, finished with two points and spent most of the night in foul trouble

Again, it was an emotional game with five technical fouls called. Near the end of the game, Pistons players jawed with Pacers fans, sometimes playfully.

"I like playing here, it's a good rivalry," Rasheed Wallace said "Their fans are real rowdy and hard on the opposing team and I like coming in here and playing against these guys."

In this series, though. home-court advantage has meant

The road team has won all three games this season, and Thursday night was Exhibit A in that case.

Reggie Miller who denied a broadcast report that he decided to retire after this season, and Rasheed Wallace were each called for technicals in the first nine minutes. By halftime, Carlisle had also drawn a technical. O'Neal, who missed 15 games because of the November fight, was called for another technical early in the third quarter.

Between the calls, though, De-troit used runs of 13-2 and 6-0 to build a 39-25 lead

The Pacers rallied just before halftime, scoring the last five points to close to 47-40. But Detroit opened the second half by



Indiana Pacers forward Stephen Jackson (1) fouls Detroit Pistons forward Rasheed Wallace in the first quarter in Indianapolis on Thursday.

scoring five straight points and pulled away with a 7-0 spurt that made it 66-51 with 2:18 left in the third quarter. The Pacers got no closer than eight the rest of the

"You put any pro team, I don't care what league, in our position, there are going to be some strug-gles," O'Neal said.

"We've just got to keep fight-ing. Hopefully, February will be a lot better than January

Spurs 90, Kings 80: At San Antonio, Manu Ginobili scored 25 points and Tim Duncan added 20 for the Spurs, who fended off a

Sacramento, which lost to San Antonio by 30 at home Sunday, made it more of a contest despite playing without Peia Stoiakovic. who sat out with back spasms.

The Kings cut San Antonio's

lead to 78-77 when Chris Webber stole the ball and passed to Brad Miller for a layup with 5:06 left. The Spurs then went on an 8-0 run as Robert Horry made three free throws, Bruce Bowen hit a three-pointer and I worked inside for a layup. Duncan

Bulls 101, Bobcats 93: At Chicago, Jannero Pargo scored all 14 of his points in the fourth quarter and Andres Nocioni added 17 points off the bench as Chicago got 63 points from its reserves.

Piatkowski added points for Chicago, which extended its winning streak to five games. The Bulls have won 12 of their last 13, and eight straight at

The Bobcats have dropped 10 straight and have the NBA's worst road record at 1-18. They have lost 16 of 17 overall since winning three of four games from Dec 14-22

#### **NBA** scoreboard

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## Rockets: Offense still struggles

ROCKETS, FROM BACK PAGE

"I think those guys have had an impact obvious ly," Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "Wesley has made a big impact defensively. Barry has improved our passing - both those guys are pretty safe with the ball. To me, that's where I've noticed our improvement.' But only a little more than midway through the

eason, Houston still has much to prove on the way to the playoffs. Typical of most Van Gundy-coached teams, the

Rockets are a top-notch defensive club — third-best in the NBA. But they're mediocre — at best — every-where else: 25th out of 30 teams in scoring, 22nd in rebounding, 26th in steals and 19th in blocks — even with 7-6 Yao guarding the basket.

It's important to note, though, that the Rockets have made significant strides offensively. They're

averaging 96.2 points over the past 21 games compared to 86.9 in the first 22 "Those guys have opened it up a lot for myself and Yao," McGrady said of Wesley and Barry. "We see a

lot less double-teams." The Rockets also have been frustratingly inconsis-

tent. They have won both games against San Antonio, the NBA's best team, and been swept in two games by Charlotte, an expansion club. Houston will face teams fighting for the playoffs

in 18 of its next 20 games, including a brutal four-game road trip next week to Miami, Boston, Philadelphia and Minnesota. For the league's oldest and most-experienced

team, that kind of grind could prove to be a daunting

"We're not doing bad," Van Gundy said. "We've just got to work to improve. We're not there and we've got a long way to go."



Houston Rockets' Yao Ming, rear, defends against New Orleans Hornets' Casey Jacobsen, right,

## Karl rejoins NBA with new appreciation

BY JOHN MARSHALL

The Associated Press

DENVER - George Karl had been involved with basketball since the seventh grade, so not having it in his life for nearly

two years left him feeling empty. Now that he's headed back to the NBA. Karl has a greater appreciation for what

the game has meant to him. Out of the NRA since the Bucks fired him in 2003, Karl was back in Milwaukee on Thursday to take over as coach of the underachieving Denver Nuggets. He's expected to be on the bench Friday night, making his debut with the Nuggets against his former team.

"The last 18 months was the first time I was not with a basketball team for 38 years," Karl said. "I now realize how fun and what a privilege it is to be with a basketball team.

The Nuggets hope his enthusiasm rubs off.

One of the favorites in the Western Conference at the start of the season, Denver hasn't lived up to the expectations that came with adding All-Star power forward Kenyon Martin to a team that had reached

the playoffs for the first time in nine years. Plagued by injuries and inconsistencies.



George Karl answers questions at a news conference Thursday in Milwaukee. Karl was hired as coach of the Denver Nuggets.

the Nuggets got off to a horrible start and haven't really recovered. Coach Jeff Bzde-lik lost his job Dec. 28 and Denver has been only marginally better under interim coach Michael Cooper, entering Friday's game 17-25 and 12½ games out of first place in the Northwest Division.

Karl brings plenty of credibility, ranking

13th with 708 career wins and leading his teams to five division titles and 13 playoff appearances in 16 seasons. He has also had experience turning around underachieving teams.

Karl helped Seattle reach the playoffs in 1991-92 after a 20-20 start cost coach K C Jones his job, and led the Sonics to three 60-win seasons in five years, including a trip to the 1996 NBA Finals

"He's clearly one of the best coaches in the NBA, has always been so and his record exhibits that," Nuggets General Manager Kiki Vandeweghe said. "We are very excited to have him with us."

Karl can be feisty and confrontational, but it might be just what the Nuggets need With a lineup that includes Martin, Car-

melo Anthony, Andre Miller and Marcus Camby, Denver certainly doesn't lack talent. What the Nuggets seem to need is moti-

Things got better under Cooper, who will stay on as an assistant, but Denver still only won four of 14 games and had trouble closing out the close ones. Injuries have taken a toll, but there were too many times when players stood around on defense or failed to run hard on the break

Karl isn't likely to stand for lackadaisical

effort. He's had clashes with players at just about every stop in his coaching career, particularly in Milwaukee, but always seems to get the best out of them. Besides the time off has allowed him to take a look at his approach to coaching.

Karl already has set his sights on getting Anthony to shape up.

A star as a rookie last season, Anthony has had some growing pains this year. He had a difficult summer that included a clash with coach Larry Brown at the Olymnics a fight at a New York nightclub, then was caught with marijuana in his backpack during the preseason (the charge was dropped after a friend said the pot was

Anthony has had plenty of troubles on the court as well, struggling with shooting woes and ankle injuries. If the Nuggets are going to have success, Karl knows it will start with Anthony.

"I'm going to be demanding of certain things that he might not be happy with, but I also respect that he's a great talent." Karl said. "He being successful will only make my job successful. I'm just going to commu-nicate with him, coach him, mentor him, try to teach him professionalism. I see a great player that has plateaued."

Associated Press Writer Ryan Nakashima in Milwau kee contributed to this story.

## Lynce scores 24 as Red Devils pass tough test at Eagles' Nest

Stars and Strines

A week spent taking exams. with little time for practice, was not the way coach Nathan Brewster hoped to prepare his Nile C. Kinnick Red Devils to play in a venue where they'd lost three times last season

But Kinnick's boys passed their first on-court test — facing Robert D. Edgren in the Eagles' Nest at Misawa Air Base, Japan with flying colors

Senior Leonard Lynce had 24 points, 10 rebounds, seven steals and five assists and the Red Devils outscored the Eagles 31-10 in the second quarter Friday en route to an 81-40 victory in a battle of this season's Japan Basketball League leaders and last year's champions.

"Misawa's a tough team at home," Brewster said.

"We prepared for this game all week, with what little practice we had. Though we left Yokosuka [Naval Base] at 4:30 this morning, we came out ready to play tonight."

The effort came against an Eagles team that went 15-3 in the JBL and 25-7 overall last season, including 72-63 and 76-64 victo-ries over Kinnick last Jan. 23 and 24. The Red Devils also lost 78-69 to Hirosaki, a Japanese team

"That still stings for me," Brewster said.

That the Red Devils (16-1 over all and 14-0 against high schools) averted a repeat of that disaster, Brewster credited to staunch defense and the play of Lynce, whom Brewster said played some of his "best ball this

#### Prep roundup

"Outstanding defense," he said. "Our defense was suffocating. They [Eagles] couldn't get anything going."

Even without the three losses last year, Brewster said he spent the week impressing on his charges the Eagles' Nest's reputation for being a "10-point home advantage," as opposing coaches have said over the years, with Edgren's boisterous crowd being like a sixth man on the court.

"That's what I told my guys be fore the game," Brewster said. "They responded. They played really good ball."

Junior Travis Ekmark complemented Lynce with 17 points and 10 rehounds Senior Paul Ergus, who played for Edgren last year before transferring to Yokosuka, chipped in with 15 points and seven rebounds before fouling out.

### Falcons girls struggle with Warriors

Another league leader, Seoul American's girls, struggled. The Falcons had Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference rival Taegu American down by 10 points for most of Friday's contest at Falcon Gym before hanging on in the closing minutes to edge the Warriors

It should not have been that close, Falcons coach Charlotte Hicks said, and would not have been if not for turnovers and a clutch three-pointer by Taegu's

Brandi Wagner that cut a seven-point gap to four in the

"If there was one thing that turned the game, it was lack of control of the boards," said Hicks whose Falcons improved to 13-5 overall and 12-0 in league despite grabbing just 20 rebounds

"That's nothing," said Hicks, admitting to worry about a game the next morning against Osan American, which beat Taegu 56-49 last Saturday

"The kids just didn't block out. They (Warriors) were in the right place for rehounds Mental mistakes. If the game had gone longer, it could have gone the other way

Senior Janel Daniels paced the Falcons with 23 points and 10 rebounds. The Warriors (10-10) lost their third straight after opening 10-1 in KAIAC

#### Carroll, Panthers get boost from 'Kiddy Korps'

While senior Brieanna Carroll still stands out as a go-to scorer. a pair of freshmen have emerged as present standouts and future stars for the Pusan American Panthers girls.

Pusan (8-5) has won four of its last five games, with the help of "Kiddy Korps" freshmen Shabraya Hays and Kristine Meany, who have averaged 12.5 and 17 rebounds per game in that span.

In their latest victory, 40-7 Friday at home over Korea International, Carroll shot 5-for-9 from three-point land, while Hays added 15 points and nine rebounds and Meany grabbed 14

## James likely to miss game with ankle injury

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND Bush wasn't the only notable figure at the Cleveland Clinic on Thursday. LeBron James needed another checkup.

James underwent further medi-cal tests on his sprained left ankle, which is not as badly hurt as it looked when the Cavaliers star crumpled to the floor in the fourth quarter Wednesday night. James traveled with his team

mates to New York but was not expected to play Friday night against the Knicks. 'From the looks of things, I

doubt very seriously if he'll play tomorrow," coach Paul Silas said. "We were hoping and praying that it wasn't anything serious. About the same time Bush was

pitching his health agenda during a forum at the hospital, James had a thorough examination which did not reveal any more damage to his ankle. He'll be re-evaluated by trainer

Max Benton on Friday and is listed as a game-time decision.

#### Attorneys: Bryant accuses settled with tabloids

DENVER - The woman accusing Kobe Bryant of rape reached a money settlement with the owners of The Globe and other tabloids that printed her picture and stories about her hotel encounter with the NBA star, Bryant's attornevs said Thursday. The tabloid publisher Ameri-

can Media Inc. agreed to pay the woman an undisclosed sum, according to court documents filed the defense in the woman's civil lawsuit against Bryant.

Bryant's lawyers, who did not disclose how they found out about the alleged settlement, said the woman's attorneys should have notified them.

L. Lin Wood, an lawyer repre-

### NBA briefs

woman, not immedi-ately return phone mes es Thursday

The suit seeks unspecified damages from Bryant for alleged emotional injuries the woman suffered since their encounter at a hotel near Vail in June 2003. The Los Angeles Lakers star said the sex was consensual

Information about the alleged settlement with American Media came in a court filing supporting Bryant's claim that media organizations and other outside sources were at least partly responsible for the woman's alleged injuries.

#### Blazers suspend F Miles two games for bad conduct

PORTLAND, Ore. - Portland Trail Blazers forward Darius Miles was suspended by the team for two games Friday after a verbal clash with coach Maurice Cheeks during a film session.

The Blazers suspended Miles for conduct detrimental to the team and insubordination. Miles, who signed a six-year, \$48 million contract with the Blazers in the offseason, will sit out Friday's home game against the Los Angeles Clippers and Tuesday's game in Los Angeles against the Lak-

"We expect a certain behavior from everyone in our organization, and what happened yesterday is not acceptable behavior, Blazers president Steve Patterson said in a statement.

The Trail Blazers would not comment on the nature of the confrontation, except to say there was one Thursday.

"He blew up in the film session," said Cheeks, who characterized Miles' comments as inappro-

## In do-or-die game, Georgia Tech does it

ATLANTA - Although it's still January, Georgia Tech needed this game in the worst way.

The Yellow Jackets had lost three in a row, squandered a 17-point lead over Wake Forest and were on the verge of a crushing defeat when Jarrett Jack stepped to the free-throw line with 4.4 seconds left

in overtime. "I told myself that I had to come through for my team," Jack said. "The mark of a great team is being able to put the past behind



you After gathering himself with a stroll toward the opposite foul line, Jack calmly made both

free throws to give No. 22 Georgia Tech a 102-101 victory over the fifth-ranked Demon Deacons on Thursday night

Wake Forest got the last shot, but Chris Paul missed at the buzzer. He also had a chance to win it at the end of regulation, but that attempt fell off the rim, too.

"Coach said, 'Get the ball and try to get to the basket,' "Paul said. "I just missed it." Georgia Tech (12-5, 3-3) built a 34-17 lead in the first half, but Wake Forest (16-3, 4-2) rallied behind Eric Williams, who scored 27 points and was nearly un-

stoppable on the inside. Williams didn't get much help from Paul. The leading vote-getter on the AP's preseason All-America team managed only eight points, missing nine of 11 shots.

Will Bynum scored a career-high 30 points for Georgia Tech and spent time guarding Paul.



Georgia Tech's Jarrett Jack is mobbed by fans after the Yellow Jackets beat No. 5 Wake Forest 102-101 in overtime Thursday night. Jack's two free throws decided the outcome.

"We take pride in stopping great players," Bynum said. "He's a great player, so we try to play him as physically as possible. Don't let him get into rhythm. Be there

in his face every time. Georgia Tech's student body stormed the court after the final miss, setting off a raucous celebration that lasted several minutes. Weary players from both teams struggled just to make it to their locker rooms.

The Yellow Jackets started the season in the top five, but three straight ACC losses sent them tumbling in the rankings. They

had to bounce back from a stunning upset at home by Virginia Tech last Saturday

"This may have been make or break for our season," Bynum said. "If we had lost this game, it could have destroyed our confidence.

It was a game that didn't want to end, stretching on for nearly three hours and leaving both teams huffing and puffing. Georgia Tech's Isma'il Muhammad hobbled off the court with severe leg cramps. but the pain subsided after he was injected with fluids.

He finished the game with both arm wrapped in gauze.

After Jack put the Yellow Jackets ahead Wake Forest took off up the court. Paul missed a desperation shot as the horn sounded, but the refs signaled that the Demon Deacons had called a timeout.

The clock was reset to 2.8 seconds and Wake Forest inbounded the ball near midcourt. Jack fell down trying to keep up with Paul, but it didn't matter when the final shot fell harmlessly off the rim.

No. 11 Arizona 91. No. 10 Washington 82: The Wildcats went 38-for-40 from the free-throw line and took over first place in

Salim Stoudamire had 25 points for Arizona (17-3, 7-1), which made 31 straight from the line at one stretch. Stoudamire's three-point play on a leaning baseline bank shot with 44 seconds left gave the Wildcats an 88-82 lead.

Brandon Roy had 15 points, nine rebounds and seven assists for the visiting Huskies (16-3, 6-2), who beat Arizona three times last season.

No. 15 Michigan St. 64, Michigan S3: Maurice Ager scored 18 points and the Spartans (13-3, 5-1 Big Ten) won for the 11th time in 12 games

Dion Harris and Courtney Sims each had 12 points for the visiting Wolverines (12-8, 3-3), who lost to their in-state rival for the 11th time in 12 games.

No. 21 Cincinnati 74, South Florida 48: Eric Hicks had 19 points and 11 rebounds for the visiting Bearcats (16-3, 5-1 Conference USA), who beat South Florida for the 14th straight time

Brian Swift had 27 for South Florida (8-9, 1-5), which has lost five straight.

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## **Hewitt holds off Roddick in semifinals**

### Australian to face Safin for men's singles title; Kuznetsova-Molik team takes women's doubles final

By PAIII. ALEXANDER

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia Lleyton Hewitt was at his aggressive, fist-pumping best Friday, withstanding 31 aces by Andy Roddick in a 3-6, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (4). 6-1 victory to reach the Austra lian Open final.

Hewitt, who has angered three opponents with his shouts to pump himself up, fired up the crowd. But one man was too vocal for Roddick's tastes - he complained about a fan shouting during his service motion in the seventh game of the third set.

Hewitt will face fourth-seeded Marat Safin on Sunday evening in a matchup of former top-ranked players, the first men's Grand Slam final scheduled for the night. Safin ended top-ranked Roger Federer's 26-match winning streak in the other semifinal. Hewitt is trying to become the first Australian man to win this major since Mark Edmondson in 1976. Pat Cash lost the 1987 and 1988 finals

Hewitt dropped to his knees once his victory was secure, kissing the court and hitting a ball high into the air as the crowd roared

"Always said I'd do anything to have chance to play in the first night final here in history, and I've got my chance," Hewitt said. "It's awesome. It's a little bit hard to believe at the moment. I love this place.

The women's final pits top-ranked Lindsay Davenport

against seventh-seeded Serena Williams on Saturday.

In the women's doubles final, Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova and Australia's Alicia Molik defeated Davenport and Corina Morariu 6-3, 6-4. Davenport and Morariu lost to Serena Williams and Venus Williams in the 2001 doubles final in Australia

In between, Morariu underwent chemotherapy for leukemia and has had two shoulder opera-

Hewitt has won major titles at Wimbledon in 2002 and the U.S Open in 2001. Safin won the 2000 ITS Onen and has lost two previous Australian finals, including last year against Federer.

"Marat's beaten the best player going around." Hewitt said.

"He's playing extremely well. I'm going to have to raise my level yet again and see what hap nens

Roddick said the tiebreakers were the difference.

"I'm usually pretty money in those," Roddick said. "Either one of those would have given me a distinct advantage. I'm mad, I felt I was in there with a shot. He nut himself in position to win big points. I donated a little more than I would have wanted.

Roddick came out hot, jumping ahead 2-0. The second-seeded American converted his fourth break-point opportunity when Hewitt hit a forehand that was called good but TV replays indicated was just long. As he has done so often, Rod-

dick relied on his blistering serve



Andy Roddick complains to the umpire about a spectator yelling during his serve during loss to Lleyton Hewitt in the men's singles semifinal in the Australian Open on Friday night. Hewitt won the match. 3-6. 7-6. 7-6, 6-1 and will will play Marat Safin of Russia in the final.

to get out of early trouble. He had six aces as he served at 5-3, using them to fend off four of Hewitt's five break points in the game. He then finished off the set with an

Roddick made it seven aces in a row with four in the next game. But Hewitt had only three unforced errors in the second set. which marked the first appear-ance of his trademark "Come on!" while pointing his fingers at his forehead in the 16th game much later than usual.

The third-seeded Aussie still needed a tiebreaker - Roddick had won all three that they had played despite's the Australian's 4-1 record in head-to-head meetings - to even the match. Hewitt had the only ace to pull ahead 6-3, and Roddick netted a backhand on the next point.

After cracking 23 aces in the first two sets, Roddick had only eight in the last two

"It's never routine, especially playing a guy like Andy." Hewitt said. "He's got so much firepower, and I had to weather the storm.'

Roddick went ahead in the third set when Hewitt dou-ble-faulted at break point. But serving at 4-2, 30-30, Roddick clearly trying to put a little extra on his second serve - double-faulted twice to return the favor. He had only six double-faults in the previous five matches, but had nine against Hewitt

At the changeover, Roddick complained to chair umpire Andreas Egli about a fan calling out during his service motion. When Egli indicated he couldn't control everyone in the crowd, Roddick responded: "You're telling me I can have someone shout during every one of his serves and you can't do anything about it?

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He complained again in the

next game after someone shouted as he served at 40-0 after his 27th

"It just took one jackass to shout out," Roddick said later, adding the crowd overall was "very respectful."

Another tiebreaker, and Hewitt

peaked at the right time again. From 4-4, he ran off the last three points, the last a backhand cross-court pass. Hewitt leaned low and pumped his fist three times with another "Come on!"

Roddick took a break to change his clothes and said a tournament official hassled him for taking too long.

"I asked him if he could tie one shoe for me and I could tie the other to save time," Roddick said. "I wasn't too fond of it.

Roddick came out flat for the fourth set but denied the encounter with the official hurt his play Hewitt, who has been nursing sore thighs, had spent 141/2 hours on court - twice as long as Roddick - over his previous five matches, including a four-hour, five-setter in the quarterfinals

## Mickelson trails Ogilvie in quest for Hope Classic repeat



Defending tournament champion Phil Mickelson used his putter just 25 times in a second-round 64 on Thursday at La Quinta Country Club.

LA QUINTA, Calif. - Phil

Mickelson expects Joe Ogilvie to win a tournament any day now. He just hopes it's not this Sunday. Mickelson, going for his second

consecutive Bob Hope Chrysler Classic victory and third in four years, is three shots behind Ogilvie heading into the third round of the five-day tournament. Ogilvie shot a 9-under 63 on

Thursday to go to 17-under 127 through two rounds. Mickelson had a 64 and was tied for second with Fredrik Jacobson of Sweden, who had a 62.

Mickelson thinks Ogilvie is

"I thought he was going to win New Orleans last year, the way he played," Mickelson said. "He lost by a shot to a very hot Vijay Singh, but I think he's ready to win now.

"It's going to take all I can do to fight him off.

Ogilvie, whose tie for second at New Orleans last year was his best finish on the tour, was not

#### Golf roundup

conceding that he was the second-round leader of the Hope. Players rotate among four courses the first four days of the

90-hole event, with some of the layouts more difficult. "Mickelson shot a 64 today at La Quinta," said Ogilvie, who had his 63 at Bermuda Dunes, "I'd

say technically he's probably leading. Score-wise, I am, but technically I'd say he's leading. "That's Duke math," the

former economics major said, grinning Mickelson summed it up differ-

"I feel like I'm three back." he

Fred Couples and Billy Mayfair were in a group of five at 13

under, Couples had a 66 and Mavfair a 64 Ogilvie began the tournament with a 64 and was at 127 for two rounds. His 17 under is the

Tom Lehman was 19 under after two rounds at Las Vegas in 2001, after Joe Durant was 18 under through 36 holes on his way to winning the Hope earlier that year. Lehman's 125 tied Tiger Woods and Mark Calcavecchia for low 36-hole score, with Woods' coming on a par-70 course and Calcavecchia's on a par-71 layout.

Ogilvie, 30, wasn't surprised by the low total through two rounds of the Hope this time, although he chuckled and said, "I'm just surprised that I did it

'You look at the history of golf - I don't think I'm going to be in any encyclopedias of golf," he

Ogilvie finished his round with gamble that paid off on No. 18, lofting a 5-wood over palm trees to within 5 feet of the pin and then rolling in the eagle putt.

He's coming off his most suc-

cessful year on the tour, with the \$1.4 million he earned in 2004

third-most shots below par more than his previous four years through 36 holes in PGA Tour his-combined.

## Dougherty surges into lead in Caltex Masters

SINGAPORE — England's Nick Dougherty shot a 5-under 6 Friday, including a long eagle, to take a one-stroke lead in Singapore's Caltex Masters.

Dougherty was at 9-under 135 through two rounds.

Defending champion Colin Montgomerie was second at 136 following a second-round 71. Denmark's Thomas Bjorn, who

shot 66, was joined in third place by China's Liang Wenchong (68), Jamie Donaldson of Wales (68) and Danny Chia of Malaysia (70) Teeing off from the back nine

Dougherty added six birdies to his eagle against one bogey.

Dougherty hit a monster

-wood to eagle the par-5 seventh with a 288-yard third shot that found the cup.

"It was the best feeling I've ever had. I hit it great," he said, "I think Vijay (Singh) or Tiger (Woods) would be pretty pleased with that one."

## Failed last-gasp talks put NHL season on life support

BY TOM GULITTI The Record (Bergen County, N.J.)

NEW YORK - The glimmer of hope for the 2004-05 NHL season appeared to flicker out following Thursday night's meeting in New Vork

According to a source, the league submitted an informal proposal featuring several salary cap-based plans. Predictably, the players, who have repeatedly said that a cap is a non-starter, were not pleased.

"We continue to have significant philosophical differences, NHLPA senior director Ted Saskin said in a statement. "No meetings are scheduled and we will not make further comment at this time."

The latest breakdown could be a deathblow to the season, though both sides apparently agreed to keep open the lines of communi-





NHLPA senior director Ted Saskin, left, and NHL vice president and chief legal officer Bill Daly, right, have participated in four meetings in a nine-day period. As time runs out to save the season, the sides are stuck in a stalemate; owners insist on a salary cap, which the players reject.

Although NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman refuses to issue a drop-dead date, it is believed a

deal would have to be struck before the end of the month to play this season.

The sides had originally

planned to continue talking Friday in New York. Scrapping that plan appeared to be another negative sign.

"We are finished for the night." an NHL spokesman said in a state ment, "Nothing further is scheduled."

The "philosophical differences" Saskin spoke of continue to be the league's insistence on "cost certainty" in the form of a link be tween salaries and revenue and the players defining any such link as a salary cap.

Rumors swirled Thursday night about the content of the league proposal. One report said it included a team-by-team salary cap with no luxury tax. Earlier, sources talked of a compromise deal that would include a luxury tax triggered by a soft salary cap, a salary minimum per team and a hard can ceiling.

TSN in Canada initially report-

#### **NHL** lockout glance

A look at the NHL lockout through Fri-ay, Jan. 28: Total days of lockout: 135.

Total days of season missed: 108. Games lost Friday: 6.

Total games missed: 727 of the 1,230 regular-season games plus the 2005 NII-Star Game.

Friday's best canceled game: Dallas at San Jose. This was to be the fifth of six meetings between teams that finished first and second last season in the Pacif-

ed a plan that would feature a \$6 million individual salary limit no player could earn more than \$6 million per season - plus a luxury tay on the team's total navroll, but later said that was not part of the league's proposal.

It was reported that the sides made little progress during Wednesday's 5½-hour meeting in Toronto, but they have picked up their pace considerably in the past week and a half. Thursday's meeting was their fourth in nine days after the sides met only twice during the previous four months.

The sides met for four hours Thursday. As with Wednesday's meeting, the location was not disclosed and Bettman and NHLPA executive director Bob Goodenow did not take part.

The NHL was again represented Thursday by executive vice president Bill Daly, Board of Governors chairman Harley Hotchkiss of the Calgary Flames, New Jersey Devils president and general manager Lou Lamoriello and outside counsel Bob Batterman. Back on the union's side of the table were senior director Saskin, president Trevor Linden of the Vancouver Canucks and outside counsel John McCambridge.



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### Boston police planning tight security on Super Sunday

BOSTON — Police promised to be out in force on Super Bowl Sunday, hoping to discourage the mob behavior that has been an unfortunate byproduct of local sports teams' recent success and resulted in the deaths of two

young people.
Police officials declined Thursday to detail their Super Bowl security strategy because all the details have yet to be worked out, but a high-ranking officer told The Boston Globe he believes the plan for Feb. 6 will be similar to that during the World Series between the Red Sox and the St.

When the Red Sox clinched the world championship, more than 700 officers were in the streets around Fenway Park, using canisters of pepper spray and water hoses to control the crowds. Only a few minor injuries were report-

Police Commissioner Kathleen M. O'Toole has issued a directive forbidding most officers from taking Super Bowl Sunday off.

Last year, only 43 officers were assigned to control celebrating crowds when the New England Patriots beat the Carolina Panthers for the NFL championship.

During the rioting, James Grabowski, a 21-year-old college student, died after he was run down by an alleged drunken driver near Northeastern University. An internal report later said the police department's lack of prepa-

ration was "inexcusable."
During rioting that followed the Red Sox's American League pennant victory in October, Victoria Snelgrove, a 21-year-old Emerson College student, died after she was struck in the eye by a po-

lice pepper pellet gun.

The police official told the
Globe he believes those weapons
will not be deployed for the Super

Besides police preparations for Super Bowl Sunday:

■ O'Toole and Mayor Thomas M. Menino have scheduled meetings Monday with student leaders from area colleges and universities to discuss how students can help create a safe environment.

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tire police force, which numbers about 50, has been ordered to work on Super Bowl Sunday.

Northeastern officials also will be the super bowl to the super b

meet daily next week to plan crowd-control measures.

■ On game day, Northeastern

and Boston University will host alcohol-free game-night parties. Northeastern spokesman Fred McGrail said that in addition to arrests by police, the university will expel or suspend students who

Bill Durkin, president of the Student Government Association at Northeastern, said he is convinced that this year's events will prevent students from pouring

mishehave

into the streets.
"The huge prizes (a plasma screen television, other electronic products) and the scale of the event will draw people," Durkin said. "It's more than just putting the game on the big screen."

## **Eagles' Burgess feeling productive again**

### Philadelphia DE overcomes injuries, compliments Kearse on line

BY DAN GELSTON

PHILADELPHIA — Forget Terrell Owens, Jevon Kearse and Brian Westbrook. Maybe the player the Philadelphia Eagles really needed to snap their three-year NFC champion-

ship game losing streak was Derrick Burgess.
After all, it was Burgess who harassed Atlanta's Michael Vick mercilessly and helped limit the NFL's top-ranked rushing offense to by yards. It was Burgess who had two sacks, six tackles and shut down running lanes that made Vick miserable.

Now he wants a similar performance against Tom Brady and the Patriots in the Super Bowl on Feb. 6.

"It feels good for the moment, but that was last week," Burgess said Thursday. "It's done now. Now, I've got to get out here this week and do it all over again."

Burgess can hardly be blamed for wanting the season to last a long as it possibly can. The fourth-year pro missed all but one game the past two years because of injuries. But his two-sack performance against the Falcons put everyone on notice that he's all the way back. "To got through so much and he where I am

right now with my teammates, it's just a beautiful thing," Burgess said.

Burgess missed the last 15 games of the 2002 season with a broken foot. Then last year, only days before the season opener, Burgess tore his Achilles' tendon and was out for the entire season.

One season-ending injury made him determined to return stronger than ever. The next one made him wonder why the injuries kept happening. Last summer it was hard for Burgess not to dwell on the nearly two full sea-



Philadelphia Eagles DE Derrick Burgess (56) harassed Atlanta Falcons QB Michael Vick (7) all day in the NFC championship game.

sons he missed and wonder whether it could happen again.

"I don't want to say I had doubts, but I'll say concerns," he said. "But once you step on the field, it's all out the window. At minicamp, it was over with. Whatever was going to happen was going to happen."

Burgess wasn't totally immune this season, either. He was off to a solid start with 2½ sacks and started 11 of 12 games until he separated his sternum against Green Bay on Dec. 5, causing him to miss the last four games of the regular season.

Still, defensive coordinator Jim Johnson thought Burgess could play better in the postseason.

"It's amazing that he's made it through this whole year," Johnson said. "He hasn't been a pleasant surprise because we always knew he was a good football player."

Burgess returned to start Philadelphia's first playoff game against Minnesota and did nothing in that one. No sacks, no tackles, no impact. Maybe that's why Vick had no idea who that

No. 56 was chasing him all over the field. All Vick knew was that Kearse was on one end and "another good defensive lineman" on the other end created problems. Burgess benefited from a tip that Eagles de-

fensive line coach Tommy Brasher gave him. Brasher suggested that Kearse and Burgess swap sides. That put Burgess back on his more natural left side and the speedier Kearse on the right, allowing him to better fill the spot where the left-handed Vick was more likely to run.

When Vick tried to run from Kearse, he ran right into Burgess.

Brady presents a different problem then the more mobile Vick and Minnesota's Daunte Culpepper. Brady stays in the pocket longer and won't beat a team with his feet like

"One is an athlete and one's a quarterback," Burgess said.

Johnson said he could flip-flop the duo again or just keep Burgess on the right side. Either way is fine with Burgess.

"As long as we can go down there and get a 'W,' I'll do whatever it takes," Burgess said.

## Ex-Syracuse coach Pasqualoni joins Cowboys

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Former Syracuse head coach Paul Pasqualoni became the first new addition to Bill Parcells' coaching staff Thursday.

Pasqualoni, 55, has yet to be assigned a specific role. The only current vacancy on Parcells' staff is at tight end, following last week's release of offensive line coach George Warhop and kicking coach Steve Hoffman.

The team's former tight ends coach, Tony Sparano, was moved to replace Warhop.

Pasqualoni was fired after a 6-5 campaign last season. He was 107-59-1 in 14 seasons at Syracuse and led the Orange to nine bowl games.

#### Niners hire Saints' McCarthy as offensive coordinator

SAN FRANCISCO — Mike Mc-Carthy will return the West Coast offense to the San Francisco 49ers after joining the club as coach Mike Nolan's offensive coordinator on Thursday.

The 49ers also hired George Warhop as their offensive line coach, adding two more veteran NFL assistants to Nolan's new staff.

McCarthy spent the past five seasons with the New Orleans Saints, whose offense led the NFL in scoring in 2002. McCarthy also coached the quarterbacks at Green Bay and Kansas City working with Brett Favre and Joe



Montana — before joining the Saints.

Warhop spent the previous two seasons coaching the Dallas Cowboys' offensive line following five years with the Arizona Cardinals.

### Attorney: Ravens CB unfairly targeted by gambling probe

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Baltimore Ravens cornerback Corey Fuller was unfairly targeted by a gambling probe because of his celebrity, his attorney told a jury Thursday. The 10-year NFL veteran was arrested in April when police broke up a high-stakes card game at his Tallahassee home. Fuller was charged with maintaining a gambling house, use of a firearm in commission of a felony and misdemeanor gambling.

"The evidence is going to show the reason we're here is not what Mr. Fuller did, but who Mr. Fuller is," defense attorney Tim Jansen said in his opening statement. "Their investigation was detailed to target Mr. Fuller."

#### Bills CB Clements added to Pro Bowl roster

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Buffalo Bills cornerback Nate Clements was added to the AFC Pro

Bowl team Friday to replace the injured Chris McAlister.

Clements was added after it was determined McAlister of Baltimore and first alternate Patrick Surtain of Miami would be unable to play because of injuries.

#### Titans hire Sherman as wide receivers coach

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans hired Ray Sherman as wide receivers coach Friday. Sherman, who spent the past five seasons with the Green Bay Packers, replaces Steve Walters, who left to join the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Titans coach Jeff Fisher said the team is finalizing a deal to retain defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz.



## **Delgado finalizes deal; Larkin leaning toward retiring**

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NEW YORK - Carlos Delgado is taking his anti-war protest to

While Delgado finalized his \$52 million, four-year deal with the Marlins on Thursday, Magglio Ordonez made a counteroffer to the Detroit Tigers and Barry Larkin said he is leaning toward retire.

ment Delgado, who accepted Florida's contract on Tuesday, said during his introductory news conference that he will continue not to stand during the playing of "God Bless America

He refused to stand when "God Bless America" was played last season. Instead, he would stay on the Toronto Blue Jays bench or go into the dugout tunnel.

"I wouldn't call it politics, be-cause I hate politics," Delgado said. "The reason why I didn't stand for 'God Bless America was because I didn't like the way they tied 'God Bless America' and 9-11 to the war in Iraq in base-

Marlins officials, who gave Del-

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gado the richest per-season contract in the team's 12-year history, made no objection to his war

"The Marlins don't support it. and we don't not support it," team president David Samson said. "He's an adult. The club's posi-tion is that what he does is up to

Ordonez, the last remaining premier free agent, told agent Scott Boras to make the counterproposal to Detroit. The outfielder met Monday with Tigers owner Mike Ilitch, team president Dave Dombrowski and man-

ager Alan Trammell. 'Mike Ilitch indicated he was interested in making a move that would dramatically affect the franchise," Boras said.

Ordonez made \$14 million last year with the Chicago White Sox and had been seeking a five-year deal before he became a free

"Mike did a really good job in



the Tigers can he. Boras said "He thought Tigers the have a very good chance of winning

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iar with the AL Central and with Detroit. Ordonez hit .292 last year with

nine homers and 37 RBIs, missing most of the season with a knee injury that required two opera-

"They talked to the doctors and were very comfortable Magglio is healthy," Boras said.

Larkin said he has turned down offers to start for several other teams because he can't envision himself playing anywhere but Cin-

"I thought eventually I'd be able to say, 'yeah, I can do this, the 40-year-old shortstop said. "But I'm big on loyalty. I couldn't come to grips with making a 100 percent commitment" to another

Several teams are still interested in the former All-Star as a reserve, giving him a chance to help develop younger players.

Larkin sounds as if he's going to retire, and says he's "pretty close" to a final decision.

"I simply haven't made an an nouncement that I'm not going to play or retire because it's not that pressing of an issue," he said. "If comes to the point that spring training starts and I'm not play ing, then it will be obvious. I want no big fanfare, no major announcement.

Also Thursday, pitcher Hideo Nomo agreed to a minor league contract with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays that would pay him \$800,000 if he is added to the big league roster, and Japanese infielder Tadahito Iguchi finalized his \$4.95 million, two-year deal with the White Sox.

Infielder George Arias, a former star in the Japanese league, agreed to a minor league contract with the Washington Nationals; reliever Rick White agreed to a minor league contract with Pittsburgh (\$475,000 if added to the roster); and reliever Jay Powell reached a preliminary agreement on a minor league deal with the Atlanta Braves.

The New York Yankees reached preliminary agreements on minor league contracts with utilityman Damian (\$600,000) and outfielder Doug

Glanville (\$550,000). Houston outfielder Lance Berkman was among five players in salary arbitration who settled, agreeing to a \$10.5 million, one-year contract. Houston will continue to work for a multiyear deal with the All-Star, who is exnected to miss the start of the season after injuring his knee playing flag football

Arizona right-hander Mike Koplove got a \$2 million, two-year deal, Milwaukee outfielder Brady Clark agreed to a \$1.15 million, one-year contract and Atlanta right-hander Kevin Gryboski accepted a \$877,500, one-year contract Anaheim backun catcher Josh Paul settled at \$450,000, leaving 26 players still scheduled for arings next month

## Revolution scoring leader Moore retires

FOXBORO, Mass. - Joe-Max Moore announced his retirement from soccer Thursday, ending a career in which he played in three World Cups and became the New England Revolution's career scoring leader

Moore 33 hurt his right knee late in 2003 and aggravated the injury last April in a game against the MetroStars. He had reconstructive ligament surgery last Friday

"After numerous attempts to strengthen and stabilize my knee through rehab, it became clear that I had no alternative but to have reconstructive surgery," he said in a statement.

"Considering my age and the recovery time necessary. I have decided to end my playing career." Moore was a two-time All-America at UCLA. He scored 24 goals in international competition for the U.S. national team, ranking him third in that catego-

ry, and played in the 1994, 1998

and 2002 World Cup finals. He also played for the U.S. in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. His penalty kick against Jamaica on Oct. 7, 2001, at Foxboro Stadium won the game and clinched a berth for the U.S. in the 2002 World Cup.

He joined the Revolution midway through Major League Soccer's inaugural season in 1996 and spent parts of six seasons with New England. His 117 points (41 goals, 35 assists) tops the team's career list. From 1999-2001, he played for

Everton of the English Premier League. Moore also played professionally in Germany and Ecuador.

#### Ex-Baylor player Dotson deemed ready for murder trial

WACO, Texas - A former Baylor basketball player accused of

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killing a teammate has regained his competence to stand trial and is ready to be returned from a

state hospital, a psychologist says. Carlton Dotson, 22, had been taken to North Texas State Hospital in Vernon after a defense psychologist, state psychiatrist and court-appointed independent psychiatrist all found that Dotson was incompetent to stand trial in the death of Patrick Dennehy

Dennehy's body was found in a field near Baylor's Waco campus in July 2003. He had been missing for about six weeks.

In a report to District Judge George Allen, hospital psychologist Thomas Gray said Dotson is ready to be returned to the McLennan County Jail. Gray said Dotson must continue to receive nsychiatric care, take prescribed anti-psychotic medication and not use alcohol and illegal drugs, the Waco Tribune-Herald reported in its Friday editions

#### Quit-smoking product enters NASCAR

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - One vear after kicking its decades-long cigarette sponsorship habit, NASCAR apparently needs a little help staying smoke-free.

Nicorette gum became the first smoking cessation product to enter NASCAR when GlaxoSmith-Consumer Healthcare signed a sponsorship deal Thursday with Chip Ganassi Racing Three of its quit-smoking prod-

ucts - the gum, the NicoDerm CQ patch and Commit lozenges ill be advertised on the rear decklid of Casey Mears' car during the season. Nicorette will also be the primary sponsor on the No. 41 Dodge for one race in a deal es-

timated to cost the company \$3 million annually.

The anti-smoking products enter the sport one year after R.J Reynolds' Winston brand ended a 33-year run as title sponsor of NASCAR's top race series. With wireless company Nextel replacing Winston, NASCAR has made an effort to distance itself from its tobacco-chewing cigarette-smok-

#### Judge rules NCAA tapes will be allowed at Neuheisel trial

KENT, Wash. - A judge rejected an effort Thursday by Rick Neuheisel's lawyers to disallow tape recordings made by NCAA investigators as evidence in the coach's lawsuit against the University of Washington and the NCAA

The tapes came from Neuheisel's interview with NCAA investigators on June 4, 2003, in Seattle. Early on the tapes, Neuheisel is heard denying that he gambled on NCAA basketball games.

Later, after consulting with a lawyer, Neuheisel admitted doing so He was fired later that month as Washington's football coach. with university officials saying he wasn't fully honest when first questioned

At a motions hearing, plaintiff's lawyer Greg Hollon argued that a key part of the interview was

"The NCAA lost or failed to preserve the critical first portion of the interview, which sheds light on later portions," Hollon told King County Superior Court Judge Michael Spearman. "This could cause confusion. The jury might not understand some answers in the proper context.

Spearman determined there is enough other information on the tanes to admit them as evidence Neuheisel's lead attorney. Bob Sulkin, said the ruling won't detract from his case

stand exactly what went on, so it's not a big deal at all," Sulkin said.

Spearman heard arguments on several other motions, filed by Sulkin and lawyers for the univer sity and NCAA, to restrict evi-dence and testimony at trial next will rule on The judge those motions Friday. Opening statements are sched-

uled for Monday.

#### **Guard Randle likely to miss** rest of Illinois' season

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Illinois quard Brian Randle said Thurs. he likely will sit out the rest of the season after recovering from a broken left hand. "I think it's the best thing for

me the way things are going right " said Randle who broke his hand when he punched a wall in frustration during a preseason practice. "Conditioning, how late it is in the year, I think right now redshirting probably is the best decision.

If he does not play for the rest of the season for the top-ranked IIlini, the sophomore can ask the NCAA for a medical exemption to preserve his three remaining years of eligibility.

#### Palmer marries in Hawaii

KAHUKU, Hawaii - At 75, Arnold Palmer feels like a kid again after saving, "I do. Palmer married fiancee Kath

leen Gawthrop in an intimate beachside ceremony on Oahu's

"I feel like a 25-year-old," he said Thursday.

The couple exchanged nuptials Wednesday evening in a beach cottage near the Arnold Palmer Course at the Turtle Bay Resort, where the four-time Masters champion will play at this weekend's Champions Tour event.

Palmer was married once be-fore. His wife of 45 years, Winnie, died in 1999

## **Pirates** owner decries big deals

BY ALAN ROBINSON The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pitts-burgh's Kevin McClatchy lashed out at other baseball owners Friday for a return of free-agent spending that he fears may steer some clubs close to bankruptcy.

McClatchy, the Pirates' managing general partner, warned of a growing division between big-navroll and small-market clubs that could lead to contentious owners meetings and a much-harder stance during the next labor negotiations. The current labor deal expires in December 2006.

"I don't know what hap-pened, maybe they drank some funny water, but they all decided they were back on the McClatchy said "When somebody goes out and pays an average pitcher \$7 mila year, then anybody who's an average pitcher says they need \$7 million a year. That's very difficult, and when you're giving pitchers \$18 million in arbitration, that also makes it difficult. Roger Clemens agreed to an

\$18 million, one-year contract with Houston, a record one-year salary for a pitcher and nearly half the Pirates' projected \$40 million payroll.

"You wonder how, since they were in a tough financial spot, some of the spending is going to work, how they're eventually going to be able to pay their bills," he said.

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# **Rockets lifting off**





The Rockets were 12-14 despite picking up NBA scoring champ Tracy McGrady in the offseason. They entered Friday five games over .500.

## McGrady and teammates show some muscle, living up to preseason hype

The Associated Press

HOUSTON - David Wesley was grateful to leave the NRA's worst team for one considered a playoff contender when he was traded from New Orleans to Houston

But to his astonishment, Wesley discovered that the trade last month simply moved him from one sub-.500 team for another.

"The first night I got here, my first question was, 'How are you guys losing?' "Wesley recalled asking his new Rockets teammates. "Man, I was surprised."

Despite an offseason trade for reigning NBA scoring champ Tracy McGrady that paired him with All-Star center Yao Ming, Houston got off to a 12-14 start and hardly re sembled a team thought to be a preseason title favorite

Look at those reeling Rockets now.

Since Wesley joined the team Dec. 27, the Rockets have won 11 of 15 games and worked themselves back into the crowded Western Friday night's game against Sacramento, Houston has matched a season high with four straight wins and moved five games over .500 (24-19) for the first time this season.

"It's just come together for us." point guard Bob Sura said. "We're playing the way we ex-pected to play."

Of course, the addition of Wesley, a 6-foot-1 guard averaging 12 points in his 12th NBA season, has been only part of the recent resurgence of the Rockets.

McGrady has comfortably settled into a role as the team's top scorer without hogging the ball. Yao has emerged from an early season slump. Sura has finally recovered from offseason back surgery to become the team's steady floor leader

And the trades for Wesley and guard Jon Barry from Atlanta — players from two of the league's worst teams — in late December have given the Rockets a much-needed boost of intensity, toughness and veteran moxie.

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Since acquiring guard David Wesley from New Orleans on Dec. 27, the Rockets have won 11 of their last 15 games and improved to 24-19.



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